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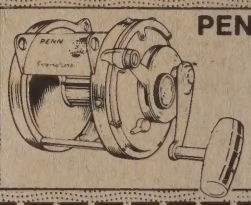

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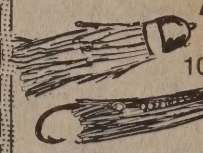

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Vic Rivas, right, founding director of the New York Sport Fishing Federation, was recently honored by members of the sport fishing community. With Vic at the reins, the organization has grown in just a few short years to over 40,000 members and become a respected voice in political and industry circles. Here he is shown receiving *The Fisherman Magazine Award* for outstanding service on behalf of recreational fishing from *Fisherman* editor, Fred Golofaro. Photo by Victor Consiglio.

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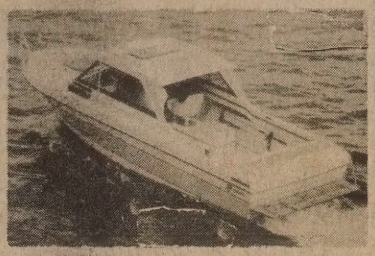

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Registration will take place on February 26 and 27, from 7:30PM to 9PM at the High School. Registrations will also be accepted on the evening of the first class. The classes are free, however, there will be a nominal charge for text book and navigation material.

This basic boating course will include U.S. Coast Guard Safety regulations, rules of the road, aids to navigation, basic piloting and use of charts, among other topics.

Upon passing the final examination, participants will receive safe boating certificates, which many marine insurance carriers honor for a reduction in premiums.

The United States Power Squadrons are dedicated to bringing about safe boating on our waters through education of all boaters in the safe handling and navigation of both sail and power boats.

For further information, please contact Bob Kirshbaum at 587-6739.

ELECTRONIC FISHING SIMULATOR AT WORLD FISHING AND OUTDOOR EXPO IN SUFFERN

A high-tech device which accurately simulates the fight of a game fish and measures its effect on tackle and angler will be a featured display at the World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition at the Rockland Community College Field House in Suffern, N.Y., February 27 through March 3.

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The World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition is a "must" for sportsmen getting ready for the 1985 fishing and hunting seasons. All the latest tackle will be there, along with boats, motors and canoes, guides, lodges and outfitters, retailers, and many of the most famous outdoorsmen in the world will be giving daily clinics and seminars to help you get the most out of your trips afield.

BOATING SKILLS COURSE IN THE BRONX

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a 12-lesson Boating Skills and Seamanship course starting Thursday, March 7, 1985 at 7:45 PM. Classes will be given at the Harlem Yacht Club, 417 Hunter Ave., City Island, Bronx, New York.

Some of the topics covered in this course are: boat handling, nautical terms, federal requirements, navigation rules, engine maintenance, weather, marlinspike, aids to navigation, trailering, piloting, including charting. Cost for materials is $30.

If additional information is required call Joe Burck (days), 212-885-1667; Phil Bergman (Eves.), 212-744-2583.

BASIC BOATING COURSE IN PATCHOGUE

Patchogue Bay Power Squadron is offering a free Basic Boating Course to the general public. The course will be held at Patchogue High School which is located on Buffalo Ave. in Patchogue. Registration and classes start at 8PM on Wednesday evening, March 6th.

The course is 10 weeks long and covers boat handling, safety, knot tying, rules of the road, compass and chart familiarization, aids to navigation and boat trailering.

The novice and more experienced boater alike, whether ouboarder, sportsman, cruiser or sailing enthusiast should find much of interest and benefit in the course.

SAFE BOATING CLASS IN WESTHAMPTON

The Moriches Bay Power Squadron is proud to announce that our Spring Safe Boating Class will be held at the Westhampton Beach High School beginning on March 5, 1985. Our Commander, Newton Homan, has requested that all parties interested in taking this worthwhile course, please register at 19:30 hours (7:30PM).

With the ever-increasing number of pleasure boating enthusiasts on our local waters, and the number of boating accidents following the same trend, our organization hopes to educate everyone willing to learn safe boating techniques.

Topics include: sailboat and power boat handling; rules of the road; docking and anchoring; plotting a

course on a chart; finding a boat's position; using a compass; trailering; weather; engine trouble shooting and water ski safety.

All those interested and would like more information, please call Commander Newton Homan, 516-878-117 or PRO Wayne C. Bensen, 516-281-6568.

SECOND LORAN SEMINAR SCHEDULED

Due to the favorable publicity and wide acceptance of the "Introduction to Loran C" seminar which will be rendered on Sunday morning, March 10th, at the Diamond Point Yacht Club in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn, NY, all 115 seats have been taken!

Because requests are still coming in for seating, Flotilla 11-5 has decided to once again render this seminar on Sunday, April 14th between 10AM and Noon.

To reserve a seat, applicant must send **written request** to: Harry Frankel, 2069 85th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Telephone requests will **not** be honored! The seminar is free and is sponsored by Flotilla 11-5 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Print all information and include zip code.

PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB ELECTS NEW SLATE

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MAKE BOATING A FAMILY AFFAIR!

A 12-week, small boat handling course sponsored by Massapequa Flotilla 13-2, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will begin at 8PM on Wednesday, March 6th at Berner High School, Massapequa. The course is open to all persons, age 17 and over, novice or experienced.

The two hour sessions will include such subjects as seamanship, rules of the road, legal requirements, piloting, marlinspike, etc. All instructors are specially trained auxiliarists who volunteer their services to promote boating safety.

Boating safety is a family affair. Register your children, ages 10-16, in the free, five-lesson, New York State course for Young Boaters. Also sponsored by Flotilla 13-2, and starting March 6th, 8PM at Berner High School.

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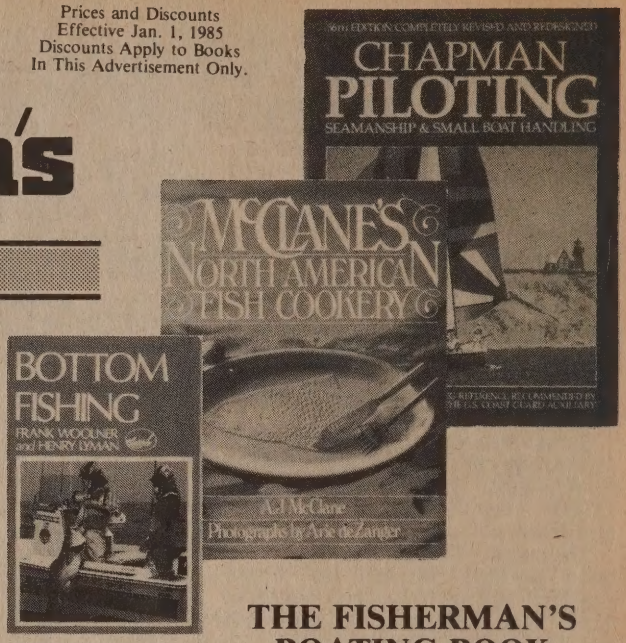

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by Pete Barrett

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Aquasport has listened carefully to serious fishermen, captains and guides who depend on a rugged, well designed boat to make their living or to fish to the limit. The result is a boat that invites close inspection and ends up with lots of praise.

The center console is unique with a built-in fish box/front seat that seats visiting anglers and passengers in comfort and which can hold a lot of fish. Tuna, billfish and sharks will fit easily into the generous fish box that opens from either side.

The box can also be used for storage of life jackets, ice, tackle, anchoring gear or a combination of storage for food, drinks and bait.

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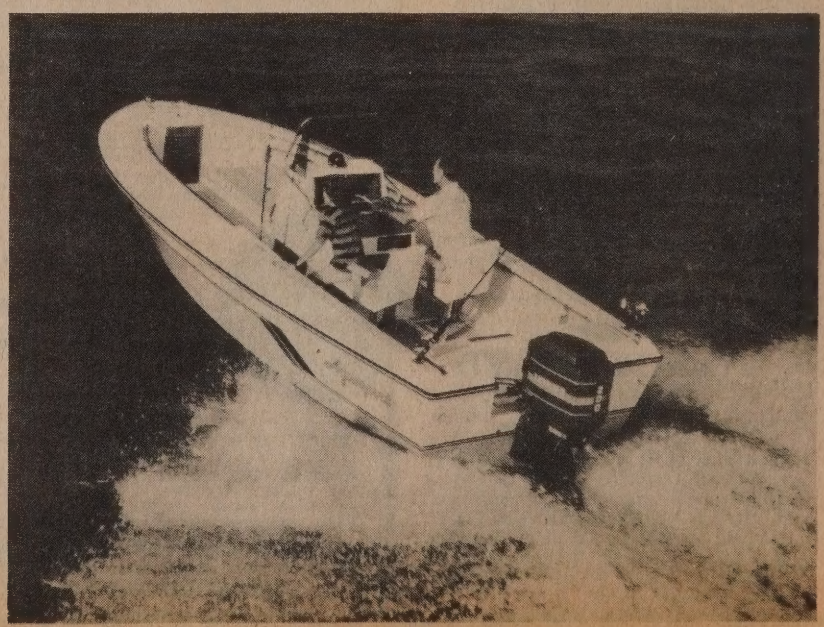
At each transom corner, built-in storage boxes hold iced-down baits or small tackle such as leaders, jigs, shark rigs, trolling lures or downrigger weights.

Recessed teak rods are built along the gun'ls both fore and aft of the center console—enough for 12 rods in total. Additional vertical rod racks can be added along the sides of the console and along the sides of the front seat/fish box. Anglers who like to carry several rods per man to cope



with changing fishing situations will have no problem finding places to add rod racks.

Teak covering boards look classy, but also serve as good strong, non-flex mounting areas for flush mount rod holders, outrigger bases and downriggers.

The gun'ls are high enough to meet most anglers at mid-thigh; plenty comfortable when fighting big fish while standing up or as a safety consideration if you have junior family members. Many fishermen like the feel of the higher gun'ls and they definitely keep water out of the boat in a nasty sea or when running a rough inlet.

The typical bow rail is not to be found. In its place is a recessed stainless rail mounted along the inside edge of the bow. The rail is strong and no problem to grab hold of. Best of all there's no troublesome high railing to get in the way while you light tackle fish or fight large fish while standing up. Sharkers will especially like this feature.

The underside of the hull shows a deep vee with a dead rise of 19 degrees. The ride is soft in most seas and very comfortable with no pounding.

The overall feeling is that the 200 and 222 CCPs are larger than they really are. The inner liner and deck is bonded with an all-fiberglass stringer system and an enclosed fuel cell. The hull shows no noticeable flex. The gun'l and bow deck roll up from the rub rail line enhancing the brute feeling the boats convey.

Overall construction quality seemed to be excellent. Choice of hardware is stainless steel or marine grade aluminum for long life and easy maintenance. All seams and woodwork showed careful fitting and clean edges.

Like many other manufacturers, Aquasport is going modern with a decal package that jazzes up the side of the hull. The two-tone grey and white hull, with blue and grey decal stripes is pleasing. A factory man at the New York show indicated that an all-white hull could be ordered if your tastes are more traditional.

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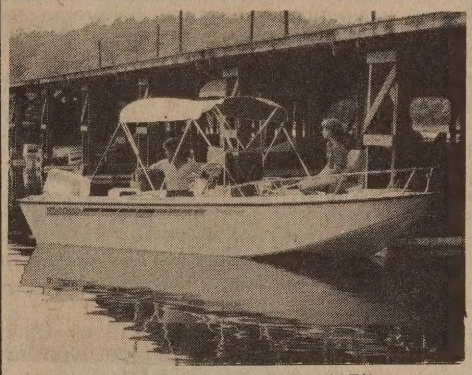

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Doctor:

I am a subscriber of The Fisherman publication, and in one of the current issues you made reference to a battery powered hook sharpener. I have tried, unsuccesfully, to locate this item, both at dealers and at the New York Boat Show.

Would you please send me any information you have about this hook sharpener and where it can be purchased. I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Moses D'Andrea.

Moses,

I know of two companies that are currently marketing a hand-held battery powered hook sharpener. The Hy Point Hook Sharpener and the Berkley Company Line Stripper and Hook Sharpener combination. Both are small enough to fit into a tackle box and each has a sharpening stone which will give hooks a decent point.

I do not have the address of Hy Point nor could I find it listed in any of the catalogs. Berkley Company is located at Spririt Lake, Iowa, but market their products throughout the nation at all leading sporting goods outlets, tackle shops and outdoor sports emporiums.

The battery powered hook sharpeners sell for less than $10 and the Berkley Line Stripper/Hook Sharpener is in the same price range.

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Dear Doc,

I recently attended a Fisherman Workshop on bluefish and noticed you often mention trolling wire line and tube rigs for blues along the Atlantic Seaboard. I tried trolling with wire line (single strand stainless #40 test) and it cut grooves into my guides. You did not mention anything about wire cutting the guides, only that it is very effective for presenting lures at mid-depths.

My question is: why did the wire cut my guides and not yours? Was there something I missed? George Young.

George,

You sure did miss something. At the start of the program we show the rods and make note of the fact that we use only "Carboloy" guides for wire line trolling. You are not alone in your question concerning grooving by wire line, however. It is an often asked question and many fishermen feel there are other materials that can be substituted for the carboloy.

Not true. The modern aluminum oxide guides are tough, but not so tough that they can withstand repeated wire line usage. Generally they, too, will groove after excessive use. Another problem that often occurs is the aluminum ring will pop loose from the frame and you must then have a new guide installed—at considerable cost, especially on custom built rods—or stop using the rod.

I am using rods built by Daiwa which have the carbide type ring guides and they do get hard usage. In more than five years of constant use with 40 lb. test single strand stainless line I have not had one guide groove, but have noted some corroding around the frame which holds the ring guide in position. It is easily removed with a quick spray of WD-40 or a similar rust prohibitive, and the guides then look as good as new. Those rods, incidentally, were very inexpensive and are excellent for the type wire line trolling we normally do when fishing inshore waters for fish weighing less than 20 pounds.

IF you are contemplating the purchase of rods specifically for wire line trolling, we suggest you first check with a reputable custom rod builder and then select the guides you feel are best suited for your needs. The aluminum oxide type will give reasonably good service if it is not used constantly or treated too harshly. But, if you are going to use wire on a regular basis you will save money in the long run by going with Mildrum Carboloy from the start.

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Dear Russ,

I just received my copy of The Fisherman and to say the enjoyment I receive from reading the articles that are printed in your magazine would take up two full pages, is no lie. You and your staff should be very proud of a job well done.

I wonder if you could supply me with some information as you did Dick Hurley in your Jan. 17th issue. I also have purchased a 16 foot boat with a 50 hp Johnson motor. I fish primarily for fluke. What I would like to know since my funds are limited is what I need in the way of electronics, etc.

We will be mainly fishing in the bays and on certain days we will also fish the inlets.

I would like you to list them in order of need. If you can name brands and models and numbers, this would be most helpful. If not, I can understand. Here's wishing you can. Should I buy the best or buy cheaper and move to better later?

Here are some questions I came up with in no particular order.

A) fish and depth finder chart recorder, etc.; B) radio CB or VHF—most of my friends use CB; C) live bait well; D) temp gauge; E) do I need a 2 to 3 hp motor for trolling fluke or is my 50 hp Johnson okay to use? Will I put too much of a strain on it? Is a 2 to 3 enough to push an 800 lb. fiberglass boat plus motor equipment, etc.? If not, then what? F) sea anchor; and G) anything else you may come up with?

Jack Roux.

Dear Jack,

I thoroughly enjoyed your letter. Glad to hear you are a fan of The Fisherman. We do attempt to bring our readers as much up-to-the-minute information as possible.

In answer to your questions:

A) First and foremost, you need a good chart recorder. I suggest you buy the best you can afford. Far too often we buy low end models and then try to work up to a better model. From past experience, I can verify it does not pay. In the long run you will get better service from the brand names and they will usually last longer than the less expensive models.

B) Carry a radio. You can't walk to a repair shop and when you are off fishing a remote spot you can't get help without some type of radio to contact other boaters. The CB is okay. but the VHF is probably the wisest choice since most boaters-fishermen use it rather than the CB which is usually too crowded on all 40 channels.

C) A live bait well is extremely handy. You can use a bait-saver type plastic bucket arrangement, or you can go to the extreme and have a well built into the hull. I had a well built into the center seat of my DuraNautic 14 footer and it worked very well for years, and at a nominal cost.

D) A water temperature gauge is helpful in locating waters that meet the requirements of specific species of fish. Fluke will not feed enthusiastically when water temps drop below 55 degrees and the gauge will reveal to you what areas are most likely to harbor fluke that will eat.

E) A second motor is handy for trolling but it is not a necessity. We used a 35 hp outboard on the DuraNautic and at times, found it necessary to troll backwards to get the boat moving slow enough; but usually we could troll in a normal fashion without too

much trouble. If you can afford the second motor, by all means buy it.

F) A sea anchor is a very handy item, but you wil not find too much use for it when fishing sheltered waters. On the ocean you do need a sea anchor occasionally to slow your drift. We use a plastic bucket (fill it with sea water so it sinks) and it works fine.

G) We always make it a point to carry several rods when we fish the rivers and bays. At times, the fluke will move onto flats and other shallow water areas and the only way to score is with light tackle and small bucktails or a float rig and live killie setup. The lightweight outfits fill the bill to perfection for this type of fishing, and if we must fish the deeper channels we go with the heavier rods that are capable of handling larger sinkers or a bigger bucktail and strip bait.

Always carry a cooler and keep enough ice in it to allow your catch to stay chilled until you return to the dock and have a chance to attend to the cleaning chores. Far too many otherwise smart fishermen do not ice down their catch and end up with an inferior meal.

Hope we've been of some help.

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Dear Russ,

I am 13-years-old and I think that you and your staff have the best magazine going.

I am puzzled by one thing, however. I do not understand what pound test really *means. Could you please explain its meaning?* Michael Lamb.

Dear Mike,

I sometimes wonder if I know the real meaning of pound test when it comes to fishing lines. Things are not always when they seem.

Take, for instance, a spool of six pound test monofilament. You would guess its break point would be six pounds. In some cases, this is true, but far more often six pound test mono may break at 8 or 10 pounds of pressure. And, if you tie knots incorrectly you may find your six pound test pops at less than the rated amount.

This, in itself, is not a major problem. But if you are seeking world record status for a fish taken on that six pound test, you might find it does not qualify. That's why some of today's premium monofilament lines carry the actual break strength on the package. It is then up to you to select the proper line for your particular situation.

Fishing rods are rated by pound test also. In this case, the pound classification means the rod will match up with lines that fall into one category. A 30 lb. class trolling outfit should be used with reels of the same classification and lines that carry a 30 lb. test rating. With 50, 80 or 130, you match rod, reel and line in the same manner.

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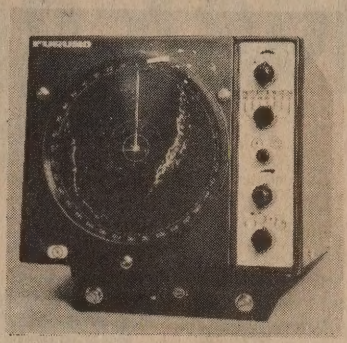

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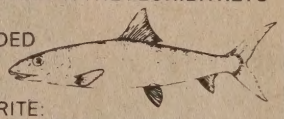

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NEW YORK SURF FISHING CONTEST:

1984 REVIEW & UPDATE

by William A. Muller

In many ways, 1984 was the most exciting year in the brief history of the New York Surf Fishing Contest. For one thing, it was the first year we had a full sponsor, "The Long Island Fisherman." For another, more clubs participated in 1984 than in any other year. There were nine clubs and all of the clubs reported significant entries of fish during the season. Contest officers have already had "feelers" from several new potential additions for 1985.

Surf fishermen are usually quite willing to talk about fish and fishing, yet remain close to the vest about collective experiences because we remain loners to a great degree. Yet, each year of the contest there has been more and more beach talk about the New York Surf Fishing Contest and more and more interest by individual club members keen on entering their good fish for the glory of their respective clubs.

Although there has been solid competition among clubs, there has been no back-biting or viciousness, and that's a credit to the designers of the contest and those individuals who participate and guard the contest's integrity. Indeed, there has been a good deal of good natured competition, a lot of back-slapping and laughing, and an awful lot of hard fishing.

Another reason for the great success of the 1984 rendition of the Interclub Contest, was the availability of fish. Notable by their presence were large striped bass. Some clubs enjoyed a brief summer run of fish in several locations, while the fall boasted consistent showings of fish at most inlets and a few open beach locations. Perhaps the most exciting presence of bass this fall was a good run of large bass in the Montauk surf.

Still more evidence for this past year's excitement were the number of participating anglers who will earn recognition pins. Eight anglers will receive gold pins, for example, while in the previous years of the contest only one, two or three members qualified for the most prestigious pin!

Participating clubs, club members and The Long Island Fisherman as sponsor of the event, are pleased at the poundage of qualifying fish that were released successfully to spawn again and fight again another day—thrilling another angler at another time. If we consider only the top four finishing clubs in the Released Fish category, we discover that these clubs released **9,120 pounds** of weaks over five pounds, blues over five pounds, and bass over 10! Significant among these released fish were blues in the 20 pound class and several bass in the 40s. Congratulations to all who helped to prove a point that we are in the sporting business, not the killing business. The spirit of sportsmanship demonstrated by the behavior of contest members has been gratifying and exemplary!

FINAL RESULTS

CLUB STANDINGS—

CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. High Hill Striper Club	779	497	224	1500
2. Great South Bay Anglers	566	592	225	1383
3. Farragut Striper Club	539	545	252	1336
4. Striper Surf Club	813	368	76	1257
5. Gateway Striper Club	424	544	222	1190
6. Patchogue Fishing Club	299	413	163	875
7. East End Surf Club	210	398	79	687
8. Mid Island Surfcasters	88	492	79	659
9. O.T.T.O.	23	188	19	230

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. R. Rance	44 pounds, 0 ounces	HHSC
2. J. Hanson	42 pounds, 14 ounces	GSC
3. W. Muller	40 pounds, 4 ounces	HHSC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. T. Kehlenbeck	20 pounds, 4 ounces	PFC
2. F. Eike	19 pounds, 8 ounces	MIS
3. C. Jones	18 pounds, 8 ounces	HHSC
J. Belmonte	18 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. F. Eike	14 pounds, 1 ounce	MIS
2. T. Booker	13 pounds, 8 ounces	GSC
D. Palmer	13 pounds, 8 ounces	MIS
3. J. McKay	11 pounds, 6 ounces	GSC

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. F. Schwab	HHSC	273	144	78	495
2. O. Van Helmond	PFC	75	249	154	478
3. G. Mandarakas	SSC	347	99	27	473
4. J. Murray	GSBA	289	133	8	430
5. W. Muller	HHSC	215	159	34	408
6. J. McKay	GSC	143	153	49	345
7. D. Palmer	MIS	40	276	28	344
8. F. Golofaro	GSBA	87	101	115	303
9. J. Fritz	FSC	82	189	6	277
10. J. Augeri	GSC	122	74	36	232
11. F. McCann	FSC	135	0	72	207
12. J. Klosek	GSC	12	158	20	190
13. K. Kassan	FSC	106	53	28	187
14. F. Eike	MIS	38	117	26	181
15. T. Booker	GSC	0	90	72	162
16. W. Rothwell	SSC	112	30	7	149
17. G. Hall	PFC	139	0	0	139
18. M. Kaland	SSC	11	123	0	134
19. T. FitzSimmons	HHSC	86	34	12	132
20. D. Meola	EES	21	77	31	129

RELEASED FISH POINTS—Top 3 Clubs

1. High Hill Striper Club ..... 4021 points
2. Gateway Striper Club ..... 2571 points
3. Farragut Striper Club ..... 1481 points

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K. George FSC Bluefish 12 pounds, 2 ounces

CHILDREN'S DIVISION—Heaviest of Species

J. Driscoll, Jr. GSC Bluefish 14 pounds, 0 ounces

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1. Striper Surf Club ..... 710 points
2. Farragut Striper Club ..... 209 points

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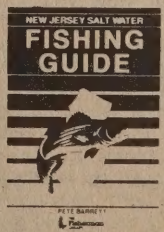

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TRAILERING TIPS

Part Two—by Lou Truppi

Here's how to save precious fishing time by keeping time spent at the ramp to a minimum.

This brings us to trailer hitches. Even with small cars and light loads, you should avoid bumper hitches. The exception being if you sometimes launch at unimproved ramps or no ramp is available, then you might install a hitch on your front bumper. This will allow you to launch nose first to the water, keeping your rear power wheels on firm ground. If you have a four-wheel drive vehicle, then you won't have to worry along these lines.

Frame style hitches are far superior to bumper installations. However, even those are not all that acceptable for loads over 1500 lbs. The heavier loads require an equalizing hitch. Equalizing hitches are better to distribute the vertical coupling load. In simple terms, your car or light truck is less likely to squat at the rear.

Overload springs or air shocks may also be added if the load weight is increased. Hitches are available through most marine and auto dealers. If you cannot locate a hitch made for your car, then a custom hitch may be in order. A word about installing any hitch. Let experienced personnel do the job. Proper installation should not be taken for granted. Strategic location welding may be in order to add extra strength.

The ball is another important piece of equipment. On the big rigs always opt for the 2 inch ball. The smaller ball is really only for the very light rigs. Check the ball periodically for condition and tightness. Ball covers are available to prevent corrosion that can hinder hooking up procedures.

Another extra you'll need is a heavy duty flasher to operate your turn signals. Bear in mind now you must operate two sets of signals: one for the car and one for the trailer lights. Another hint: if your trailer lights are low on the frame and will constantly get submerged when you launch, change over to top mounted lights. The lights are available at marine outlets and most attach to rear boat cleats. These lights will last longer and added safety is achieved by their height. When running any electrical wire along the trailer frame that will get dunked, seal connectors with electrical tape and marine clear caulking compound for longer life.

Never forget your safety chains. If your trailer should ever become uncoupled from your boat, the chain will serve to maintain contact with the rig and perhaps prevent a bad accident.

A power winch can save a lot of sore muscles, and at the same time, it will speed your retrieval of the boat.

Always cross these chains to provide proper security if the coupling should fail.

Winches, if needed (the float-on trailers don't require them), can invite cardiac arrest. Even if they're geared down, many calories must be expended to hand winch that boat back on the trailer. The big rigs should all be equipped with electric winches. These simply run off the car battery via a convenient plug usually located on the top of the winch. The other end is spliced into the auto's electrical system to supply the power. Always run your vehicle when operating winch so as not to run the battery down. Make absolutely sure the winch you have chosen can handle the gross load. Let's say your boat grosses 6,000 lbs., then the cable should be able to handle at least 9,000 lbs. The cable hook should have twice the load capacity or 12,000 lbs. Even with these minimal safety margins, never let anyone stand in the cable line when winching the boat. A snapped cable can kill.

To balance the rig properly should be the job of the dealer. However, if you find yourself confronted with the task, then simply remember tongue weight should vary from five to ten percent of the load. Excessive tongue weight makes hooking up more difficult. A tongue jack solves this problem and should be included on all size trailers.

In many cases, extra wide and oversized rear view mirrors may be added to your vehicle for highway travel.

If you are new to trailering, do get in some driving practice. Learn to navigate those turns; apply brakes

well before you need them and back up correctly. A vacant parking lot on a Sunday afternoon is the place to make mistakes, not on a crowded early morning boat ramp. Take tips from those who drive those 18 wheelers. Swing wide on all turns, don't rush red lights and move with the flow of traffic. Trailers going too slow on the highways can cause accidents.

The winch itself should be the best you can afford. A power winch is definitely worth the investment if the proper one is purchased. I learned long ago don't plan on buying a 5000 lb. winch to move a 5000 lb. rig and expect it to do the job. Chances are it won't. Even with the new all-roller trailers, the boat's incline at the ramp can add considerable stress to the winching process. In most cases using the 5000 lb. rig as an example, I would recommend an electric winch with a minimum pulling capacity of 8000 lbs. to do the job. Again, as in trailer selection, more than you require and the best you can afford is the way to go.

Pay attention to your lug nuts and tire pressures. I once lost a wheel due to not checking my lugs periodically. It seems that a couple of lug nuts had worked loose without my knowing. As I was proceeding down the highway at 50 MPH the wheel lugs tore through the rim and off came the wheel. Luckily that's all that happened. The tire sped harmlessly into some nearby woods without smashing into anything or anybody. Could have been a lot worse. Now I always check my lug nuts. Another tip: once a year it's a good idea to apply grease to the studs and nuts. If you have to change a tire or wheelbearing, the wheel can be removed without trouble. I've seen some so rusted a blow torch was needed to heat the lugs and remove the wheel.

It's a good idea to purchase a high capacity tire inflation gauge to check the pounds of air regularly. Trailer tires usually require more air than car tires. Always check tire pressure when cold. Pressure will always read higher when tire is hot.

With the exception of the lighter boats, it's a good idea to chock the wheels or leave someone in the car with transmission in gear while launching. If you launch the heavy rigs by yourself, as I'm often forced to do, then remember to leave the vehicle in gear, with the emergency brake engaged and if possible, chock the truck. A slippery ramp and your rig could take your vehicle swimming while you watch helplessly.

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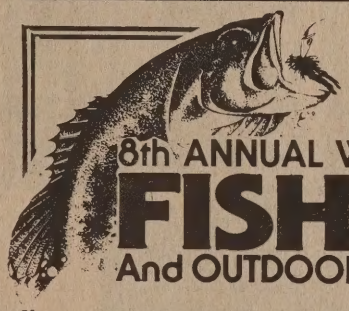

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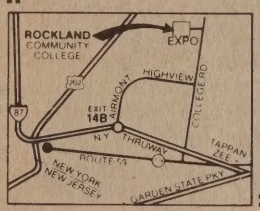

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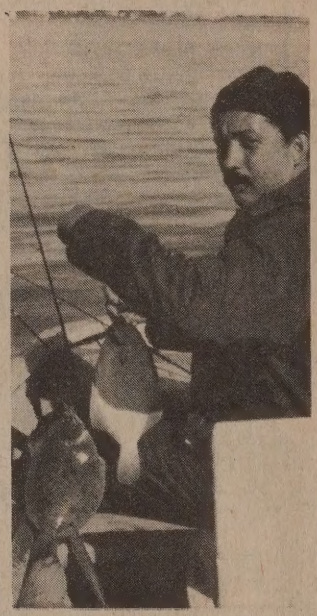

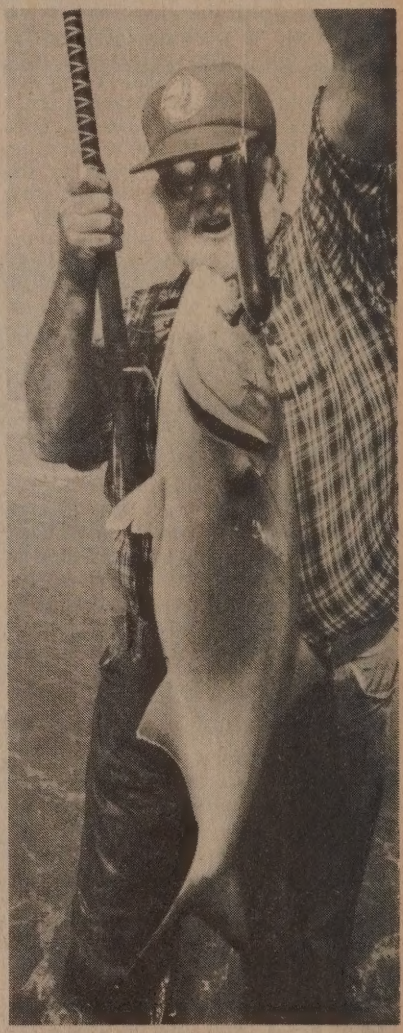

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BAIT

by Matt Ahern

Many years ago, and while yet a budding sinker bouncer, an old-timer replied in this manner to one of my many questions on bait: "Sonny," he said, "if you want a lot of sport, use lures; if you want a lot of fish, use bait." There's certainly truth in that. Actually, with some saltwater fish such as flounder and blackfish, the only sure way to connect is with some form of bait.

Now, I'm long past that time when full buckets of fish were my main desire. I've found that when we sinker bouncers fish long enough, we will eventually be content with a little action, plus a few fish to prove to ourselves and the home folks that our hand has never lost its skill. (That ego must be satisfied, you know.)

But for now, be that as it may.

What about bait? Well, what about it? There's bait and there's bait. Which to use? Where? How? That's the $64 question. But fret not. Let's dig a little, you and I, and see what we uncover.

Without question, when fishing saltwater the most frequently used baits are sand or bloodworm. With these can be caught most of the bottom fish available in our waters. Even gamesters such as weaks and stripers seldom refuse a properly presented worm. Using these two worms is simple enough, but even this bait needs a little understanding for best results.

For example: Experienced fishermen wanting flounder on Long Island's north shore can usually be found dunking sandworm with good results. The south shore fisherman finds bloodworm useful in putting our flat friend in the bucket.

This doesn't mean those fishermen using sandworm on the south shore will go fishless, and vice versa. It just means flounder in certain localities have a preference for what is native to their environment. Those fishermen recognizing this fact are the ones most likely to meet with success.

With the high cost of most bait today, more and more fishermen are buying garden forks and digging their own.

At low tide, most exposed mud flats along Long Island's sheltered shorelines produce both blood sandworms for the sinker bouncer willing to put in the effort. A little hard work may be entailed, and you may discover muscles long forgotten, but digging on the flats is also an enjoyable pastime.

Flounder rarely refuse a succulent slice of soft clam.

Occasionally, anglers dig up a long, flat worm known as the ribbon worm (tape worm, to some). These often exceed three feet in length, but those commonly dug are much less. You won't find ribbon worms in bait shops for the simple reason that they are difficult to keep, but they do make excellent bait for flounder and blackfish and most other bottom feeders. Handle ribbon worms with care! They absolutely will not stand rough handling. Because of this, it is best to add but one or two with your blood and sand worms.

When using worm for bottom fish, it's best to use pieces about an inch and a half long. Allow a quarter inch to trail in the current; it's also a good idea to expose the hook's barb and point. Not only will this prevent the bait being stolen by some clever fish, but exposing the barb will practically hook the fish for you.

And don't forget those small red worms offered in classified sections of most freshwater fishing magazines. These worms, small though they be, sometimes work wonders when all else fails.

Another good worm bait is a juicy nightcrawler. I've caught many flatties on these. They do have a drawback, though. (See, God made the

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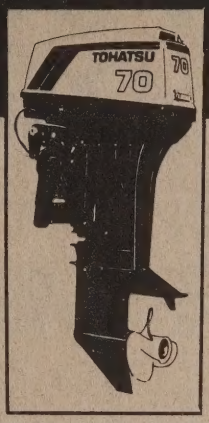

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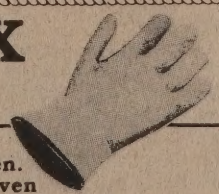

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roses, and the Devil put the thorns on them.) The action of saltwater on nightcrawlers makes it necessary to replace them as they bleach out. Unless you do this, flounder will refuse your offering.

As good as these many tempters can be, there are days when other baits will outfish them. For instance, quite often more and larger flounder are caught on clam than are caught on worm, and certainly when fishermen use crab instead of clam they can expect larger blackfish—especially in the fall.

Hard clam (chowders) and soft clam (steamers) make excellent bait for flounder—especially when water temperatures are low, say March and early April and again in the fall in late November and early December. Use the neck of the soft clam by slicing it into one-third inch strips (after first removing the black skin). Because flounder relish soft bait, deep-freeze your clam bait for a spell. When they thaw, each piece will be soft, but not so soft that you have difficulty keeping it on the hook. You can also dye clam slices—red or yellow (red for shallow water areas, yellow for the deeper sections. Red loses its color value in deep water).

These clams may be purchased at the nearest fish market, or you can dig them from the same area as worms.

When digging soft clams, which are the easiest to come by, look for small holes in the surface mud. Often the clam will spurt water as it senses your footfall. Place the fork about four inches from the hole and push down as far as possible. Check your forkful carefully before moving on as soft clam are easily overlooked.

A note of warning here. Some townships only issue a shellfish permit for residents or property owners. These are usually free upon application from the Town Clerk, or equivalent. You are advised to check first if in a strange locality.

Skimmer clam make great bait for just about all bottom feeding fish and are available in pre-packaged containers at your nearest tackle and bait shop. Most are treated with salt, which is something I'm not keen about. I think it will pay to locate fresh skimmer in the shell (they're easy to shuck). These should be sliced into thin strips if your intention is to use them for flounder. When sea bass and porgy fishing, it is best to slice each piece a bit wider. Don't forget to leave some of that soft stomach with each bait.

The bane of blackfishermen is the bergall. To get around these bait stealers, experienced fishermen often resort to the use of a snail-like mollusk called conch. Tough as shoe leather, conch have accounted for many outside blackfish over the years (cod, too) and are very useful in areas infested with an over-abundance of bergalls.

Conch can be purchased from large bait suppliers or picked up along the

south shore ocean beaches (skimmer, too) after a good onshore blow. It is a case of seeing your opportunity and taking advantage of it when possible.

A pointed knife is used to remove the conch from its shell. The thin, shiny "foot" is sliced off and discarded. A mallet is needed to flatten the meat to pancake size. Trim the black skin away and cut the meat into narrow inch and a half pieces. Though the preparation of conch takes a few minutes, it will pay for itself when used.

There was a time when local blackfishermen could gather all the chinaback fiddlers and green crabs needed in minutes. But not any more. Today these crabs are bought in bait stores or in tackle shops carrying an assortment of various baits. Blackfish love crabs and fishermen are practically assured plenty of action when these baits are used.

The male fiddler's large claw should be removed and the hook inserted at this joint. (Some fishermen don't bother to remove the claw.) The claw may be discarded or used for chum, depending upon fishing conditions: shallow water, and so forth. It is a good idea to allow the hook point to protrude at the opposite side. This method assures better hooking and blackfish never seem to notice.

When using green crabs, remove the top shell and legs. Cut into two or more pieces, depending on size of crab. As with fiddlers, allow the hook point to protrude. A blackfish will zero in on crab bait with gusto, signaling its presence with a solid tug. Wait for this heavy bite before setting the hook.

Killies and spearing are easily seined for snapper or fluke fishing. This can be much fun, especially for the kids, and especially if time isn't too important. Killies are used alive, but spearing die in minutes after capture. This is why spearing are usually purchased frozen. When used on a three-foot leader, a live killie hooked through the lips is prime bait for fluke.

Spearing have been used for bait by fluke fishermen since 'way back before my time, and I've been fishing for over 60 years. The hook should be run through the spearing's head, then back about mid-point of the body. Easy does it.

Many fishermen are unaware that live killies are excellent bait for sea bass on the offshore wrecks. Use the same rig-up as for fluke, but shorten the leader to 18 inches. Many large humpbacks fall victim to this bait.

Incidentally, when party boat fishing for sea bass, would you like to catch more of these delicious fish than your neighbor at the rail? It's easy to do. Select the yellowest slice of skimmer you can find in the pan. That's all. Sea bass dote on yellow: the yellower, the better.

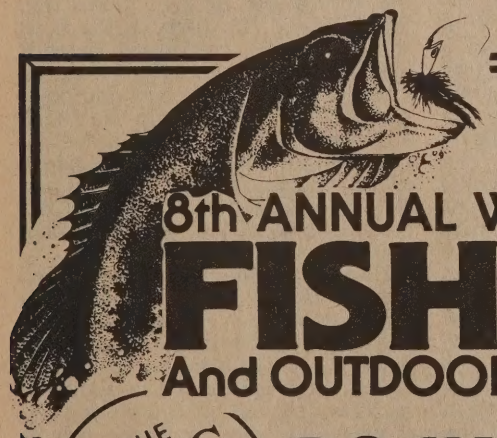
What I do at times is to purchase fresh skimmer and slice each into half-inch wide strips. Make sure a section of the soft stomach remains with each piece. (I'm sorry for repeating this every time, but it is extremely important.) It is then a simple matter to add several drops of yellow food coloring to the clam and swish the slices around in a small container. You can make this "sure-catcher" ahead of time and place it in your freezer until needed.

And squid. Don't overlook the fish-catching ability of squid. Sea bass love it—weaks, too, of course—even flounder if the squid is dyed red. Local squid is best, but I'm afraid you will have to settle on the imported stuff from California.

To prepare, split the mantle down the middle and discard the innards and the cellophane-like strip. Then peel off the outer skin. Slice each squid into appropriate size pieces—four/five inches long, a half inch wide for fluke; smaller, of course, for flounder. Combine a strip of squid with a live killie or spearing and you have a bait fluke will pounce upon with relish. You'll find it often outfishes other baits.

Also when fluke fishing along the ocean beaches try a slice of fluke belly in combination with a live killie. It won't work too well in the bays, but in the ocean it can't be beat.

There's a bit more I can tell you about baits and how to use them, but space is at a premium at this moment. But I'll get to it, eventually.



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TRIMMING A MACKEREL TREE

by Gerald Hahn

Every spring, enormous catches of mackerel are made on both the north and south shores, as well as in the East End bays, with tube rigs called "mackerel trees." These rigs have had feature billing on the menus of mackerel for years, apparently more so than natural baits. When properly fashioned, with tube-covered hooks above a diamond jig, the rig resembles a school of baitfish being pursued by a larger baitfish. So attracted to this rig are mackerel that sometimes five fish will hit it simultaneously. At the least, double-headers are as common as single hook-ups.

Most store-bought mackerel trees are about five feet long and come with four hooks attached to a leader in series, like a string of Christmas tree lights. The diamond jig is sold separately, but some fishermen, myself included, prefer to "trim our own trees." Fashioning a mackerel tree rig is simple, inexpensive and an enjoyable pastime during the long winter months. Homemade rigs, moreover, can be designed in various lengths and colors to suit individual needs—short rigs with two hooks for fishing with light tackle, long rigs with three or four hooks for filling the freezer, and assorted color combinations for those days when mackerel favor one color exclusively or the entire spectrum.

Mackerel trees sold in stores at bargain prices are usually made of flimsy materials—frail leaders that tangle and cheap hooks that break. They are no bargain, not when other fishermen are catching doubles and triples while you're fumbling with repairs. Buy good materials in bulk, at reduced prices and you will have reliable custom-made rigs.

A good mackerel tree begins with a leader of 30 or 40 lb. test. The heavier leader is better for handling multiple hook-ups on long rigs; the lighter leader is handy for short rigs and for catching scattered mackerel. When the fish are really finicky, 20 lb. test should be used. However, most leaders are sold in three foot lengths and finding longer ones may be a problem. Some tackle shops, such as Midland Tackle in Sloatsburg, New York, sell 47 inch leaders, but if you don't want to wait for a mail order, it is still possible to fashion a suitable rig for four hooks. Simply tie two three foot leaders together with a blood knot and you now have a six foot leader, which will be reduced to about five feet when the rig is completed. Having formed many leaders this way, I have yet to encounter a break-off, even when five macks are on the attack.

The next item to consider is the hook. Open-ring Limericks in #1 or 1/0 size, with bent shanks and offset points, are probably the best to use for mackerel trees, because they secure the tubing so well and impart a life-like bend. O'Shaughnessies, Carlisles, Beaks, and Pacific Bass hooks in comparable sizes also work well. As mentioned, buying the hooks in bulk saves money.

Small barrel swivels in sizes 7 or 10 are the next items to consider for a professional-looking mackerel tree rig. You see, the hooks are not snelled to their own leaders, but are instead connected directly to dropper loops on the leader you just bought. The swivels, when mounted to the hooks, prevent line twist in the dropper loops. (This is why better made umbrella rigs for bluefish also employ swivels.) One swivel, preferably a dark one, should be tied to the top of the leader with an improved clinch knot. This end, of course, goes to the fishing line and prevents the tree from doing the twist. The other swivels, bright or dull, are intended for the hooks. Open the eye of the Limerick hook, slip on a barrel swivel, and close the eye.

The last item you will need is mackerel tubing made of plastic or latex. Plastic mackerel tubing, also called tinker tubing (after the young of mackerel) comes in 5 or 10 foot lengths, with an inside diameter of .133 inches. Latex tubing, sold in five foot lengths, is softer and more pliable than semi-hard plastic and comes in various diameters: 1/8, 3/16 and 1/4 inches I.D. (inside diameter) and so forth. Although most people favor the smaller diameters, there are times when mackerel want the thick stuff. Last spring's mackerel, blown out to sea by April's blizzard, were a case in point; those that remained inshore were attracted to thick tubes. Latex should be soaked in warm, soapy water before putting it on the hook. Whichever kind of tubing you prefer, both are available in a variety of colors: red, yellow, green, purple, black, white, etc. Plan on fashioning several rigs at once, some with assorted colors and others with a single hue. On the south shore, for instance, all-red mackerel trees are popular. Here and elsewhere, however, multi-colored rigs are favored by other fishermen.

A pair of scissors or a utility knife is all you need to prepare the tubing. Line up the top of the tubing with a hook, and cut the tail end of the tubing at an oblique angle, thereby forming a point. The tubing should be slightly longer than the hook, so that the inside cut of the tube's tail terminates at the base of the hook shank and the pointy tail extends beyond the bend. Push the tubing up "head first," that is, over the point and barb; then slide it up the shank and partly over the barrel swivel. If the tubing fits easily over the barrel swivel, you can mount it tail-first and slide it down the shank. Cut all the other lengths of tubing to the same size as the first, and repeat.

By now, you may have encountered a few problems. The first is that you cannot locate open-ring hooks. Should this occur, match the aforementioned barrel swivels with split rings in sizes 1 to 3, and use them to bridge the hooks and swivels. Of course, you can dispense altogether with the swivels and split rings and connect the hooks directly to the dropper loops, provided the eye of the hook is large enough for inserting a doubled strand of 30 or 40 pound test leader. Often it is not.

At the bottom of the leader, tie an end loop or an improved clinch knot for a two to three ounce diamond jig. Some people tie a snap at this end to facilitate changing metal lures. The jig should have either a single or a treble hook no larger than 2/0 size; that is, if you intend to catch mackerel with it, as well. Now, measuring from the bottom of the leader, tie a large (about 2 or 2½ inches) dropper loop 10 inches above, and then continue tying three more droppers, spacing them about ten inches apart, as well. You can vary the spacing somewhat,

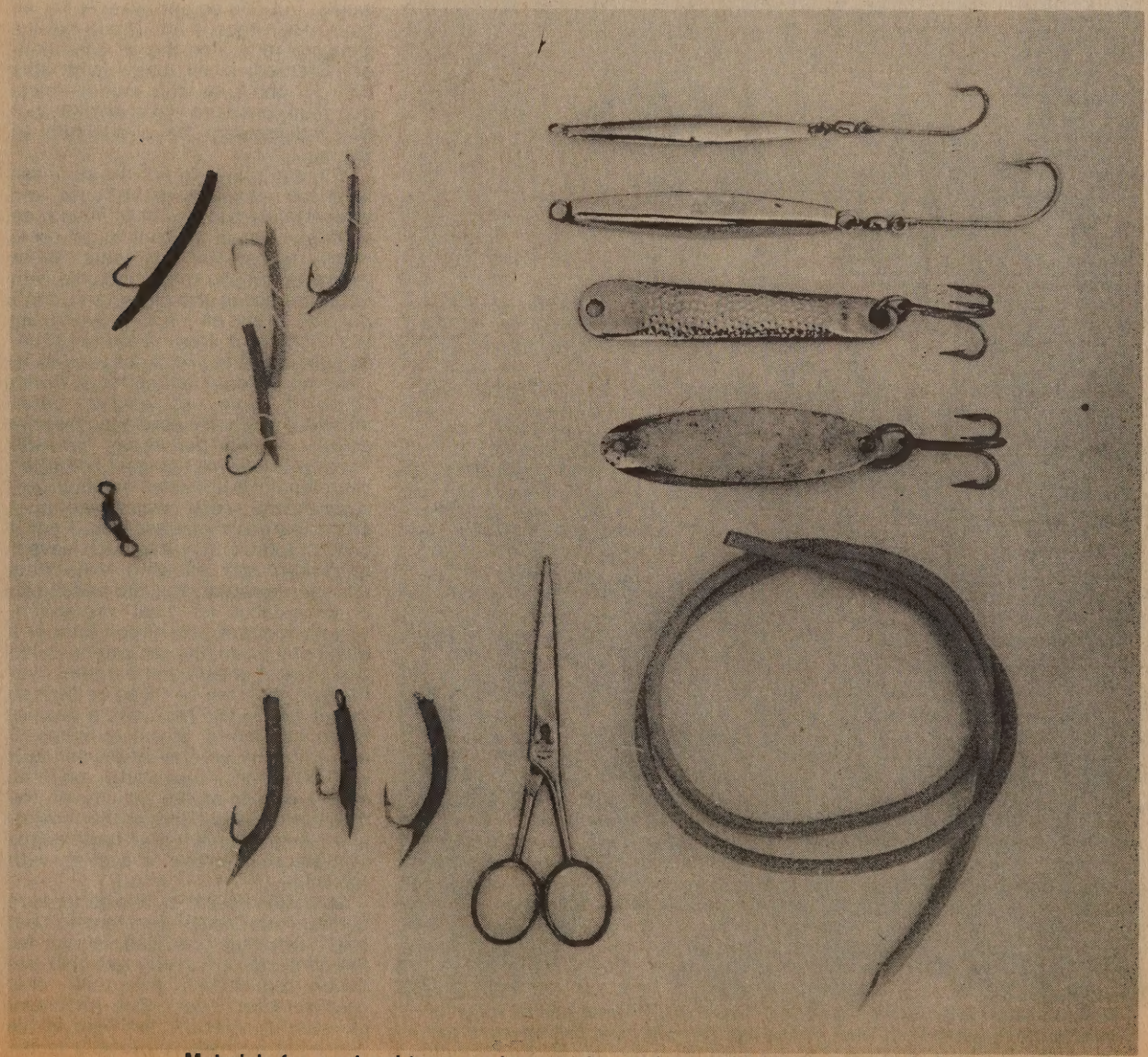
but generally it should not exceed 15 inches nor reduce to less than eight inches between hooks. A simple dropper loop, incidentally, is made by forming a loop in the leader and tying it with a double overhand knot. And while we're at it, the hooks are put through the droppers, by inserting the loop through the barrel swivel (or through the eye of the hook) and passing it over and around the hook. The hook is then pulled snugly against the loop.

Remember that even a two-hook rig yields three lures when the diamond jig is added. One alternative is to use a sinker or a diamond jig without a hook. Light tackle enthusiasts will strip a mackerel tree of all but one hook above the metal lure. In this case, a dropper loop is tied directly on the main line (6 to 10 lb. test, or to a heavier shocker) about 8 inches above the lure: a diamond jig or other metal lure weighing about an ounce or two. A single hook from a mackerel tree rig is then connected to the dropper.

For the experimental tree-maker, other materials may be substituted for tinker tubing. For instance, fly tyers will find a red streamer highly effective on mackerel, as will any natural or synthetic hair adorned with mylar piping, which provides flash. In fact, mylar tinsel, the material used for decorating Christmas trees, is also excellent for decorating mackerel trees. Better grades of mylar, with adhesive backing, are sold in plastics stores and tackle shops, and come in various colors, all of which have mirror-like surfaces. Chromed mylar may also be used to brighten chewed-up diamond jigs or other worn metal lures. To adorn a hook, simply cut a thin strip of mylar, about 1/8 inch wide, and slightly longer than the hook shank; then peel off the backing and wrap the mylar around the hook shank, from the eye to the bend. Allow a little extra to trail below, and cut it to a point. The tail, however, will be sticky but if you match up another small piece and adhere it face-to-face, it will be fine. If greater bulk is desired, wrap several layers of mylar around the hook. Another material related to mylar is Reflecto-tape, which is sold in many tackle shops. Reflecto tape emits prismatic colors that change as the light changes or the lure moves. Likewise, Night-Glow tape, with adhesive backing, is an effective material. Inexpensive variants may be fashioned out of tin foil, or even plastic coated electrical tape, which comes in bright colors. When mackerel are feeding, they will strike almost anything within reason.

Custom made mackerel tree rigs allow for light spinning tackle, as well as for heavy conventional gear. Moreover, when the schools thin out, or when the macks occasionally become selective, various color combinations, rig lengths and leader weights may give you the edge.

Plan on trimming several trees this winte: one for the family in December and the others for the macks in May.



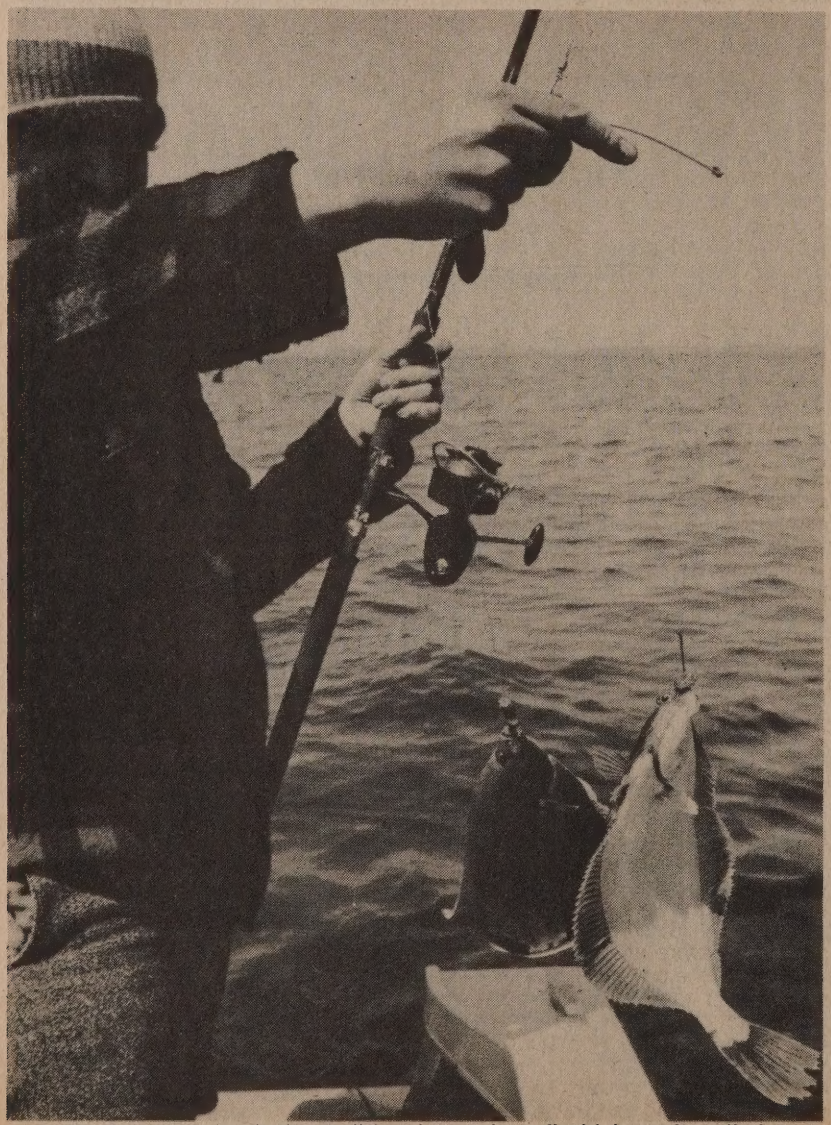
Materials for mackerel trees are inexpensive, and no special tools are required.

USING YOUR HEAD TO STAY WARM

by Jim Capossela

Fishing during the dead of winter can be an invigorating experience, providing you're dressed accordingly.

Have you ever seen an angler catch one trout, codfish, steelhead or whiting while he was sitting inside the car or boat cabin with the heat on? I never have. During the cold months, a sportsman who stays warm may not be guaranteed success. But one who is so disabled by the cold that his line is not even in the water is certainly going to visit the Colonel for dinner. Seldom will you ever be comfortable. The aim is simply to cope with the cold enough so that you actually participate in the sport!



Author's favorite hat is the traditional "watch cap" which can be rolled up or down to regulate body heat. Dressing right is always an important part of angling success. In winter, it is *the* most important factor. Per Brandin Photo.

Easily the most ignored piece of stay warm equipment is the ski mask. At least 50 percent of heat loss is through the head (some say 60 to 70 percent). Doesn't it make sense, then, to give the head the most attention in winter? It's amazing how few people use a ski mask, in spite of its effectiveness. If you doubt how well it works, put one on and wear it for an hour. Then take it off. It will be like someone turned on the air conditioner? Granted, a ski mask—with slits only for the eyes and mouth—blots out your senses to some degree, but this will seldom be a problem in fishing.

You don't have to put the ski mask on as soon as you leave the house, and you certainly don't want to have it on when you stop at the bank to get some money to pay the first mate. Wear whatever hat you're comfortable with until you get to the place, and don't put the mask on until you actually start fishing. A mask is a tiny bit uncomfortable, but you'll get used to it.

As an outdoor writer for a dozen years, I have, of course, often appeared in photos accompanying my articles. I've had people say "you still have on that same hat you had on ten years ago!" Although I actually own several, my trusty watch cap is, I admit, part of my personality. I put it on in October and pretty much leave it there until the following May. Hats are very personal, but the watch cap is unbeatable for heat regulation. Usually made of wool or polyester or a blend of the two, the cap can be rolled down over the ears and partially over the face, or it can be rolled up high so that it sits on the head like a beanie. Often, during a day's activities, I adjust the hat several times, rolling it up or down depending on the strenuousness of the activity at the moment. It's just like a thermostat, and I know of few other hat designs that are so effective in dealing with the cold.

Sportsmen seem to take better care of their feet, because feet tend to "get cold" (whereas the head, except for the ears, doesn't really get cold but simply squanders away all that precious body heat). One important criterion in selecting footwear is the degree of wetness you expect to encounter. Staying dry is part of staying

warm—a big part. That is because moisture wicks heat away from your body and transfers it to the air via evaporation. For most cold weather sport, I rely on Sorel "Pacs" (that boot design featuring rubber bottoms and leather tops) that come with thick felt liners. These are perfect for a lot of "standing around" sport such as boat fishing or ice fishing.

On occasion, I expect to encounter wetter than usual conditions. One example is ice fishing on a warm day. Especially if there is snow on the ice, a 40 degree plus day is going to make things sloppy. All-rubber 12 inch boots are a good choice for really soggy conditions. The brand I like is Red Ball.

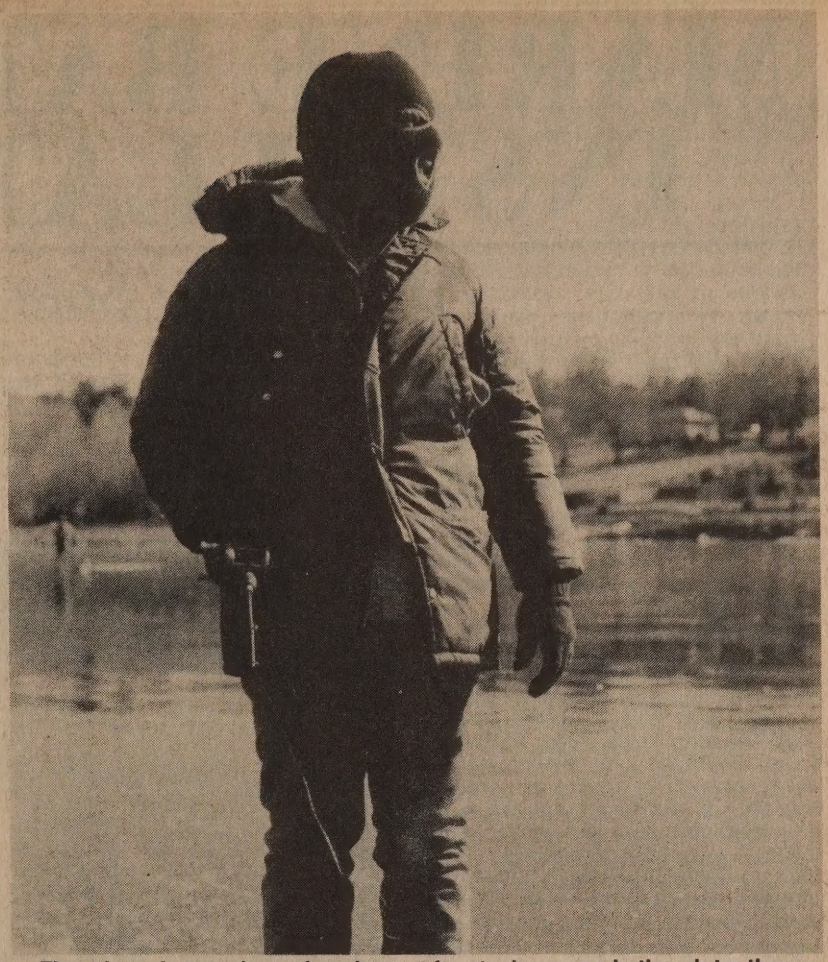
The third body extremity is the hands, and here again sportsmen often don't use their heads.

"Three little kittens have lost their mittens, and they shall have no pie," goes an old nursery rhyme. Well, most sportsmen will still eat pie, because they have no mittens to lose. Not using mittens is a big mistake.

Like the ski mask, mittens are a secret weapon in dealing with the cold. And, like the mask, you don't have to wear your mittens all the time. Let's take ice fishing as an example. As soon as I climb out of the car, I put on my mittens. They allow plenty of dexterity for unloading the car, pulling the sled out onto the ice, and chopping all the holes. Then, I take the mittens off and slip on a pair of thin wool gloves to set my tip-ups, which is a more delicate operation. When this is done, the mittens go back on while I'm standing around waiting for flags.

I have several pairs of mittens. An excellent design for ice fishing is the kind I really bought for cross country skiing. It has leather palms and nylon backs. The leather is good because there is a lot of abrasion when chopping holes in the ice. Look for these gloves in stores that sell ski equipment. I also have a pair of Eddie Bauer down-insulated mittens. At $35 they're not cheap, but they are amazingly warm, and they have slits in them for operations where fingers are needed.

You regulate the heat in your house by turning the thermostat up or down. You regulate your body heat primarily by "putting on" and "taking off." Because of this, any wintertime coat I wear has plenty of pockets. A one-piece Refrigewear type outfit is probably the warmest outfit of all. But to me these one-piece suits often used by snowmobilers are best when the level of activity is constant. Seldom is that the case in fishing or hunting. The coat I prefer is my heavy wool hunting coat. For one thing, it has plenty of pockets: four flap pockets and two hand warmer pockets in the front and one very large pocket in the rear. I also like a Woolrich coat that I have. It is basically a tough nylon/cotton shell with a wool/nylon lining (model 6108). It is warm, has a hood and lots of pockets.



There is no better piece of equipment for staying warm in the winter than the ski mask. That's because a very high percentage of bodily heat loss is through the head. Jim Caposella Photo.

Which way you go is a personal choice, but never forget the "layer system" when the intensity of the activity will vary during the day. All you have to do is get overheated once and your perspiration will cast your body heat to the wind.

An excellent glove composition you should know about is capeskin leather lined with Curon foam. Because both the leather and the foam are very thin, a great deal of dexterity is maintained. This insulated glove is ideal for many types of fishing, although leather gets wet faster and dries more slowly than wool. One company that sells, or at least used to sell Curon-insulated gloves is Bob Allen Mfg.

Fighting the cold is a war, make no mistake about it. And like any war, you're going to lose if you don't have a strategy. Strategy here means planning. Before I head out in winter, I anticipate the day's events and what I will need to have on at different stages of the day. That planning largely revolves around: (1) what to wear, and when; and (2) where you are going to physically store garments, including all hats, gloves, coats, etc., until you need them. It sounds simple. But most sportsmen really don't do it—at least not adequately.

It's hard to over-emphasize the significance of the wind in cold weather. In recent years, much hype has been given to wind chill factors, but all of it is justified. Evaporation is a cooling process, and the greater the mass of air that passes your skin during a fixed amount of time, the greater the heat loss will be (although there are other factors, such as the relative humidity at any given time). My strategy is simply avoidance. Plan to go on days when the wind is not too bad. Often, this means not firming up your plans until almost the last day. Also, depending on geography, some bodies of water are far more exposed than others. Get behind an island, a knoll, or a point of land. You can't beat the wind. Avoidance is possible, though.

This is, of course, by no means a complete treatise on staying warm. Every angler has his or her own tricks. Yet far too many fishermen stay inside in winter because they think the cold is unbearable or just not worth it. Actually, the cold winter air is remarkably invigorating; a day outside in it will give you rosy-red cheeks and make you sleep like a baby. All you have to do is use the **inside** of your head to keep the outside snug and warm.

MARINE BATTERY INSTALLATION

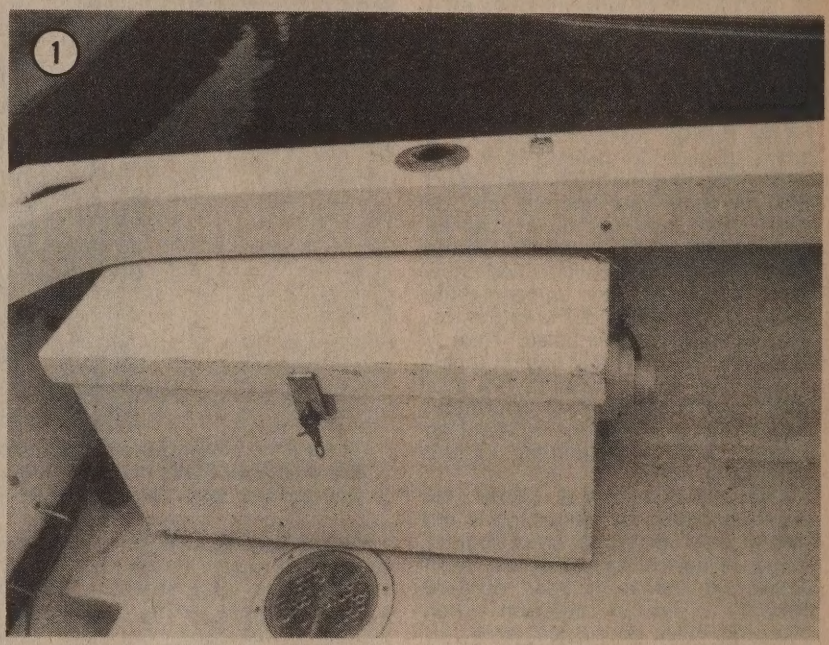
by Charley Soares

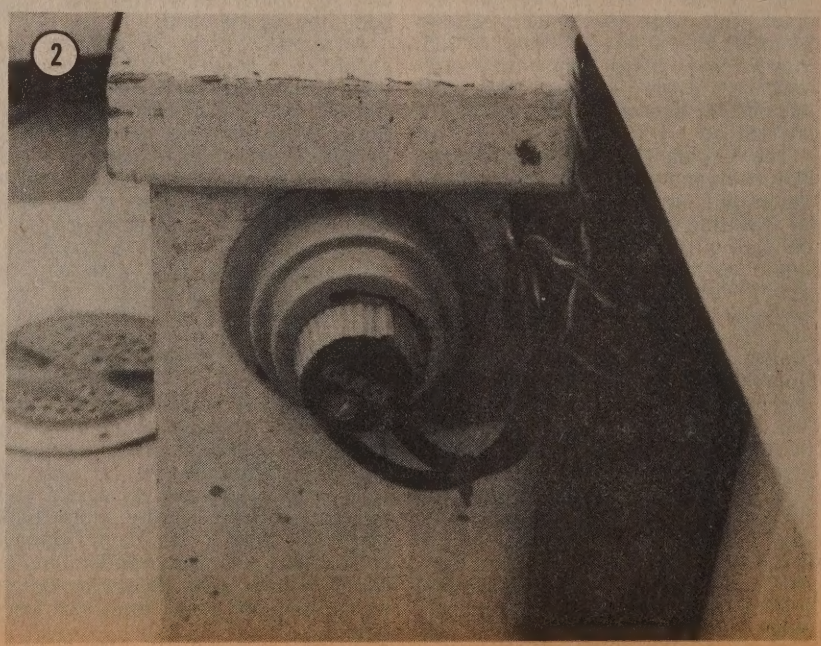
Marine battery installations have always posed a special problem particularly on outboard powered boats which had to rely on a plastic battery box strapped to the deck by a strip of nylon webbing. The above methods are poor at best. Without citing numerous scenarios or case histories if you have such an arrangement you are acutely aware of their severe limitations and the dangers they can present.

The battery of my first center console boat was installed under the console and attached to the deck with four small S.S. self-taping screws and a nylon strap over a plastic battery box. The long power feed which ran some 12 feet back to the engine cut down appreciably on the amperage I was able to put to the starter, even after changing to a very heavy cable. Once on a trip from Sow and Pigs Reef back to Sakonnet Point a stiff N.W. bounced and slammed us as I fought to keep on course. After coming down very hard in a trough, I felt something against my foot. I glanced down and to my horror the battery had torn loose and was sliding around under the console. All I could think of was losing power under these conditions and being turned broadside to the mercy of the sea. I completed a white knuckle trip with my foot jammed against the battery box vowing this would never happen to me again.

My next attempt to improve this situation was to move the battery to the stern where I again reluctantly drilled holes for the fasteners, this time heavier wire size S.S. screws which I coated with silicone to prevent water from entering the plywood covered deck sandwich. I built a 1½" teak retainer around the battery case and fastened it to the deck using the same method. Despite these precautions the case was continually getting wet and connections were corroding much faster due to the proximity of the green water taken over the stern. One day a fellow plugging in the stern lost his footing and kicked the box loose. That was the final straw. With the acquisition of several new electronic fishing and navigation devices I was very close to the maximum output of the large marine battery I had been using and decided to add a second battery and a guest switch for added efficiency and power. I tossed around a couple of designs and finally decided on the arrangement I now have on the after port section of "Capable." Trim is very important in boats, especially those under 25 feet with outboard power so I elected to have the batteries opposite my starboard helm to offset my weight, but did not want them exposed to the elements. A second consideration was that keeping a good set of tools handy on my boats has always posed a problem, so I decided to address both problems with one solution.

I carefully noted the dimensions of the width and height of my gunwale cap and figured how far I could come





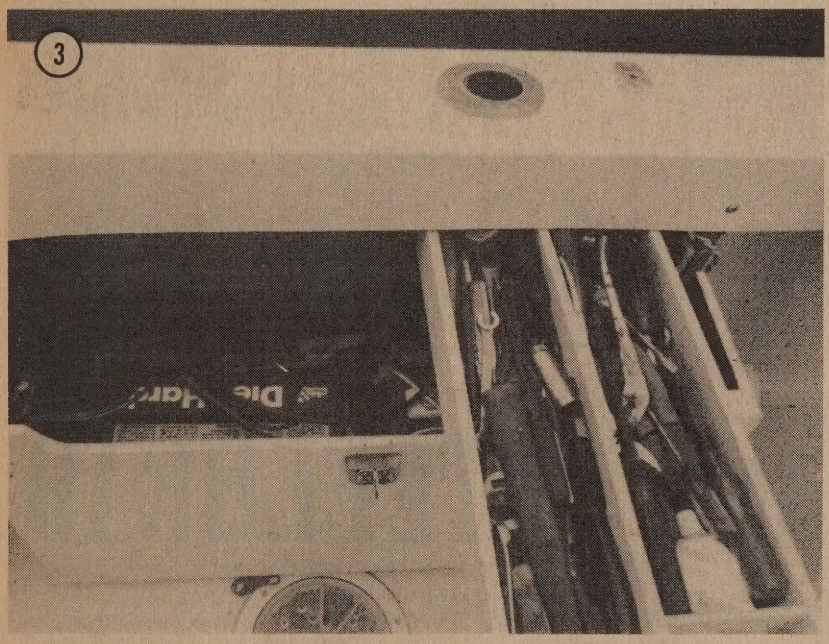
out onto the deck without creating a hazardous footing. I determined the width of the batteries with allowance for cables and handling strips to be no more than 9 inches wide (inside diameter) and a max height of just under 13½ inches. Allowing for a guest switch and an upper removable tool tray I came up with a length of 26 inches. The box itself was constructed of 3/8 exterior AB plywood glued and fastened with bronze anchor fast nails. I coated the interior with a liberal coating of green cuprinol preservative and the exterior with two coats of clean cuprinol and two coats of Woolsey Ultimate 800 white finish which provides a finish similar to a white fiberglass gel coat. I added two teak cleats under the box to allow for water and gurry to move out and into the scuppers. The weight of this unit with tools and batteries is estimated to be around 125 lbs. which by itself was not wont to move around, but I was not satisfied with leaving this to chance.

I drilled two 3/8s holes through the port side of the hull and fitted them thru a teak wood strip which I made to receive the outside carriage heads of these bolts. They come into the battery box between the batteries and tool tray and hold the box securely. In a few minutes it can be unbolted for removal although this is not necessary as I can remove either battery or the tool box without touching the bolts. I could have drilled into the deck and inserted plastic shields to receive bolts, but I refrained from doing so because holes in the deck eventually lead to water getting into the plywood deck core of most boats. Water adds weight, causes delamination and separation of the deck material and then your troubles really begin to multiply.

I am very pleased to state that after three full seasons with this battery box I have not had any problems. Using treated felt washers available at marine and auto supply stores, I have not experienced any problems with corrosion on the terminals and on occasion, a spraying of WD-40 keeps the connectors clean and functional. The "Guest" switch permits me to alternate batteries and use maximum amps for starting on those cold spring or winter days. I can shut off all power at day's end and not have to worry about having shut off any switches or electronics.

Any variation of the above will serve the purpose as long as the batteries are kept dry and secure from moving about the deck and pulling out the connections.

Preventing electrical system problems contributes in no small measure to a longer trouble-free season and goes a long way toward extending battery life and service.



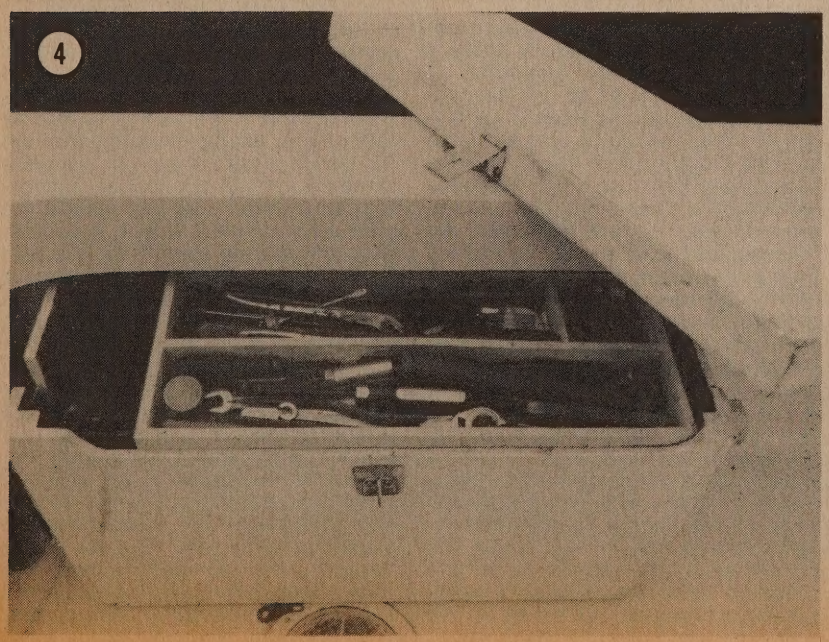
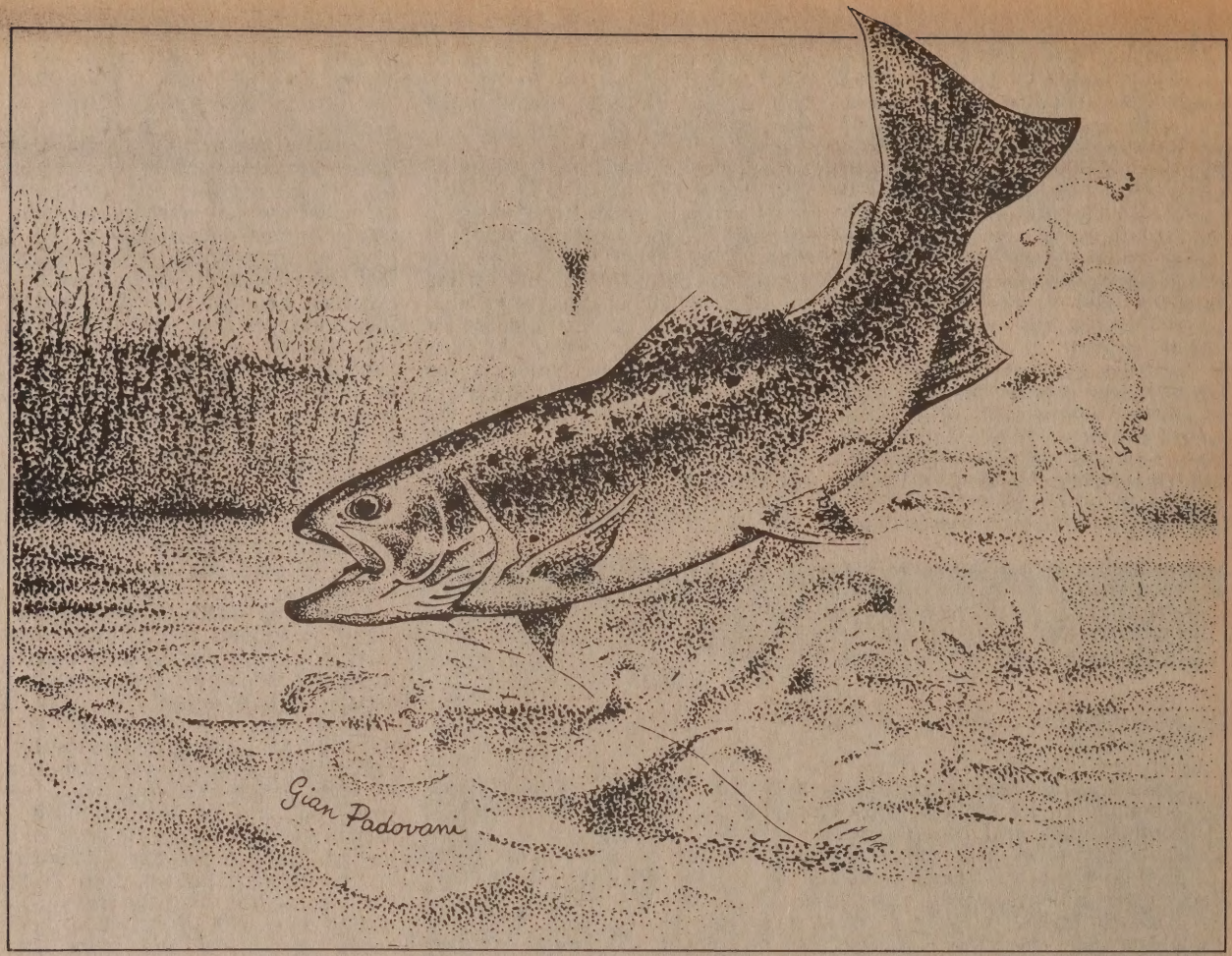


Photo One: The finished box sits under the gunwale cap still permitting use of the flush mount rod holder. The 9" wide (inside diameter) box only comes out onto the deck in the after section and does not pose a hazardous footing. The guest switch is mounted on the forward section away from direct spray from over the stern. The sliding cover with protective lip (you could be creative and round the corners) fits tightly and prevents water from getting to the batteries and tools. The Beckson port is still serviceable as the box is held one-half inch off the floor by the teak cleats and does not actually touch the edge of the port.

Photo Two: The forward section of the battery box is where the guest switch is installed, so it could be out of the way, but viewed from the helm to determine what mode the switch is in. This switch has a lock to prevent tampering once set in the "off" position. All power is terminated at that time so switches or electronics not shut off manually are disconnected through the switch. The bilge pump set into the after fish well has a mercury switch and is wired directly to the batteries bypassing the shut-off switch.

Photo Three: The compartmentalized tool tray lifts up and out of the box and has plenty of room for a full set of 3/8 sockets, wrenches of all sizes, a full set of screwdrivers, adjustable pliers, screws, bolts, nails, hammer, glue, grease, electrical wire and plugs and spare parts.

Photo Four: With the sliding cover removed, the tool tray sits on the lips inside the box a few inches over the battery terminals. The slot in the rear of the box through which some cables are fed is covered by a rubber gasket to keep out water. Box can be locked if desired, but I use a bronze snap to keep the cover from vibrating off.



"BACK EAST" STEELHEAD

by Gian Padovani

You could say it started with an article in The Fisherman. A past fishing trip to the Catharine Creek had been a dud and when I mentioned it to a friend, he remarked that The Fisherman had just published an article about steelhead. I purchased the issue and sure enough, there it was—a thorough piece of writing by Dick Mermon about the Salmon River with its fabulous salmon and steelhead run. It gave a description of the Pulaski area, tackle and conditions. Unfortunately, it described what **had** already happened in the fall, and this was wintertime. By coincidence I met the author at the Annual Sportsman Show at the Coliseum and he informed me that the steelheads also made a winter run. I am not exactly a cold weather aficionado, but the thought of catching such a reputed game fish convinced me to give it a shot.

I made arrangements with my brother and on a dreary Friday afternoon in the middle of February, we drove up to Pulaski. As we approached the City of Syracuse, a blizzard forced us to crawl the remaining 30 miles or so of Rt. 81 to our destination. To make things worse, we discovered that no lodging was available in town and thus were forced to drive back toward Syracuse till we located a motel with a "Vacancy" sign. In the morning we returned to Pulaski (or Pula-sky, as the locals call it) and the town appeared as if it were hosting a fishing convention. Even in the early morning hours, every tackle shop was open and doing a brisk business. Besides light surf spinning gear, we had brought along our fly rods hoping to fish with flies, notwithstanding the fact that every shop owner we questioned insisted that it would've been a waste of time. As confirmation, every angler in town was equipped with spinning equipment or modified fly tackle to cast lead 'n bait. Using The Fisherman article as our guide and shopping list we bought hooks, swivels, sinkers and salmon eggs. We drove on Rt. 13 alongside the river toward the town of Altmar, looking for the parked cars which indicated access to the water. The road was covered with a few inches of freshly fallen snow, but as we walked through the woods toward the river, we were standing in over four feet of compacted accumulation. My first view of the river was nothing like I expected; certainly not the size of the western steelhead rivers I had seen in books and magazines. To begin with, the fishable stretch of the Salmon river is only several miles long, a drop in the bucket when compared to those emptying into the Pacific, which may run for hundreds of miles. The fact that only the center portion of this eastern river was flowing free between the two banks of ice, made it seem even narrower than its normal size. In order to fish, I was forced to break the crust with the both of my waders. As I advanced toward the center into casting position, I could see the ice regrouping behind me.

The fishing requires minimal casting; it is more like dapping or tossing the line down in front of yourself. Because of this, local tackle shops advise the use of a long (9') rod. We tried different areas of the river and finally settled in the "Tressle Pool" between Pulaski and Altmar. It was here that I hooked my first (and only) fish. It was a nice feeling while it lasted—all few minutes of it! As the fish ran, the monofilament touched the blade-sharp edge of the ice and that was it for that trip!

In the last few years, the Salmon River area has gained a lot of exposure. Articles reporting the fabulous salmon and steelhead fishing have appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers, resulting in elbow-to-elbow fishing at times. When the river is low (as on weekends, when the local electric authority doesn't release water from the dam), the fish congregate in the deeper pools, which also attract the fishermen. In a situation like this, arguments and bad feelings are a possibility though most fishermen are nice enough and with the cry "Fish On," reel in their lines to avoid tangles. Someone is usually around to lend a hand in netting the fish, as well. With so many lines criss-crossing and casting space at a premium, there are ample excuses for conflict; but nevertheless, the Salmon River offers an opportunity to the Eastern angler to catch a game fish that would normally require a trip to the West Coast.

The major activity begins when the chinook and coho salmon ascend the river to spawn. This is the time when the "snaggers" line up on the banks and reap huge (over 30 lbs.) fish, to the disdain of many people. The feeling among most is that such noble fish shouldn't be caught in such a manner, and in that process other fish are also snagged. Most salmon do not actively feed at procreation time and the Pacific variety dies shortly after spawning. The Altmar hatchery, the largest in New York State, is located on the Salmon River and the stock for future generations is collected there. The spawning fish are stripped of eggs and milt and the fry is raised artificially in huge vats until ready to fend for itself. The fingerlings are released in the river from where they eventually head to the lake. The mature salmon are trolled throughout the year in Lake Ontario. At spawning time, following regulations approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation, the surplus fish are caught by the snaggers. People who spurn such activity should keep in mind that it is legal, and those who practice it have paid for a license, just like any other freshwater fisherman. Criticisms aside, they perform a very important function: to remove the fish, while still edible, before it dies and rots on the river's banks. In the Northwest, the spent fish are eaten by birds (eagles, ospreys and owls) and mammals (bears, wolves, etc.). The steelheads ascend the river for two reasons: to spawn and to feed on the salmon eggs. In the fall, large brown trout are also caught in the river while fishing for steelheads. Most of the criticism against the snaggers stems from the fact that some brown trout as well as steelhead are hooked the same way. This, of course, is illegal, just as "lifting" is. This other method involves spotting a fish, placing a weighted hook underneath it, and lifting abruptly to hook it. Undoubtedly, there are always some spoiled eggs that ruin it for everyone. Once the snagging period is over, the river belongs to the sportsman and a quick check of the license plates on the parked cars, proclaims its popularity. It is almost as if every state is represented! The river sees a lot of activity most of the year, except during the summer months, when only yellow perch and an occasional bass or trout are caught in the warmed-up water.

Heavy snow on the banks and ice on the river characterize this mid-winter steelheading.

The next time I went to the Salmon River I was accompanied by several friends from my angling club. This time we all agreed to fish for these steelhead in the classical manner: with fly rods and flies. Before departing for Pulaski, we had sat diligently in front of our vises and tied a handful of flies in the traditional patterns: Skunks, Polar Bears, Thors, etc. They brought a response, but not better than any pattern showing bright red, chartreuse, or orange. One angler whom I met in the stream had great success (3 steelies, including a 22 pounder), with a three inch strip of flaming red chenille, simply tied onto a hook. He would cast this primitive fly with the aid of a couple of split shots on a spinning rod exactly where they would be most effective—in the visual path of the moving fish. The trick is to sink the fly deep enough, but not so deep as to get it stuck on the river bed. Check the drift with one or two split shots and add more, as the flow of the water dictates. To pinpoint the best retrieve would be as erroneous as to pinpoint the best pattern. I caught fish with the fly brought back in quick, 8 inch long pulls while other fishermen connected while the fly was just hanging in the current.

As we left for the long trip we felt confident; nevertheless, some of us also brought along spinning equipment as a back-up. We drove up in several cars and on the next morning we headed straight for the Tressle

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Pool. A lot of fishermen were already fishing and casting space was at a premium. After only about an hour of fishing, my brother Gil said "I've had it, with this zoo!" and left for the cabin in disgust. This description is pretty accurate as fishermen were shoulder to shoulder and we had to move away from the more productive areas of the pool in order to fish. We produced our fly rods and the other fishermen looked at us with contempt as they saw us false casting our light offerings. Their expression changed to disbelief when one of our group tied up on the first fish. They were really amazed, when other members of our party landed fish as well. We were all using pretty much the same outfit: 8½ foot graphite rods and 8 weight lines. Because of the relatively shallow depth of the water, we used sinking tip lines with short, four foot leaders tapering to at least 5 lb. test. Single action reels will do the job, but I would recommend a multiplier; one never knows when one of these fish will decide to swim back and a multiplier reel can speed up line recovery. In either case, the reel must be a sturdy one, as it will be under heavy stress. We would cast, practically in front of us, let the fly drift for several feet, then cast again. It is not uncommon, especially with the aid of Polaroid glasses, to spot the steelheads moving back and forth from one end of the pool to the other, a sight guaranteed to increase the body temperature of any fisherman. I finally had a couple of strikes, but to my dismay, lost the fish almost immediately. This alone kept me standing in the icy water even though my legs and hands were nearly paralyzed by the cold. I frequently had to immerse the rod tip in the water to melt the ice that had formed around my rod guides. It is important to be on the alert all the time; a steelhead can hit a fly viciously or it may decide to suck it in gently. Either way, any split second indecision on the part of the angler may result in a lost fish.

As darkness crept in, we headed for the warmth of our motel, where we spent the evening tying more flies. The next morning brought a few more strikes, but no fish. The fingers of my stripping hand were too numb to hold the line tight, so that when a fish did hit, it would find no resistance. I concentrated on correcting this weakness and prepared myself for the next fish. As is usually the case, it came when I least expected it, and the strike literally spun me around. The fish streaked upriver with such speed that the line sizzled through the water. As it approached the shallower area, which indicated the tail end of the pool, the steelhead made a leap that culminated with a resounding splash. The jump was quickly followed by a couple more, before the fish abruptly changed direction, back toward me. One more jump and my line went limp. The whole scene typified the excitement of steelheading, "back East" style!

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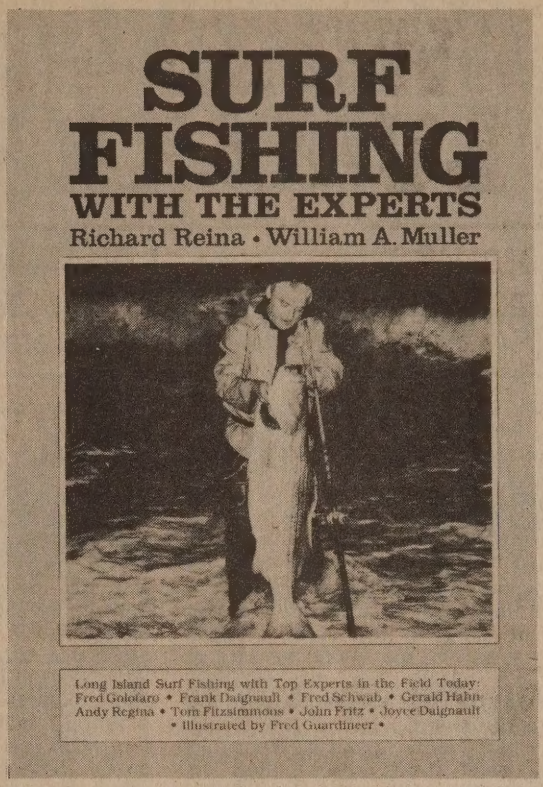
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RIGGING YOUR WAY THROUGH WINTER

by Sal Agliano

What better time to prepare terminal tackle than now.

When mid-winter's bitter face-slapping winds and below freezing temperatures place a temporary damper on the fishing activities, I put the idle, restless time between trips to practical use by rigging up my tackle box fo the coming year.

Just as an old country doctor's medicine bag or a big city chemist's laboratory must be adequately equipped to perform the tasks of each profession, so, too, must the serious angler's tackle box be similarly geared to provide the best odds at the game of fishing.

So with many layers of the bulky New York Times spread atop my dining room table, I begin my annual winter maintenance by dumping the entire contents of my tackle box in a heap in the center of the table. My trusty tackle box is then submerged in a much needed tubful of warm, soapy water, scrubbed inside and out with a stiff brush, rinsed and set aside upside down to dry.

Next, I meticulously sift through the mountain of tackle heaped on the dining room table, picking out rusted hooks, damaged hardware, frayed or brittle leader material and anything else my discriminating eye deems unfit for further use. The remaining, usable tackle is put back into the tackle box and I begin setting up the equipment I'll need to prepare a year's supply of fishing rigs.

When it comes to selecting tackle, I'm much like that famous finicky cat on TV. Second best just won't do! I select only quality hooks, relying heavily on well-established manufacturers such as Wright & McGill (Eagle Claw) and Mustad. When tying rigs, I use leader material, not fishing line. You wouldn't use a nail where a screw is required. And leader material, which is much stiffer than regular fishing line, prevents the rig from wrapping around the main line.

Aside from hooks, swivels and leader material, my rig-tying equipment also includes plastic-coated garbage bag ties and 3x5 inch ziplock bags. All rigs, once completed, are individually wound in coils, secured with plastic ties and sealed in ziplock bags.

I keep a spare tackle box tucked away as a storage unit for my rig tying equipment. Generally it is well stocked. But to be on the safe side, at about the middle of October I make a preliminary check. If at that time should I need to beef up my supply, I place an order well in advance with West Falmouth Tackle, P.O. Box 690, West Falmouth, MA 02574.

For most anglers, the appearance of flounder in early spring signals the start of the fishing season. In rigging up for flatties, I prepare myself for both the spring and fall flounder runs. I generally make about 20 flounder trips a year, and taking into consideration that a number of rigs may be lost to bottom entanglements from time to time, I tie up about 50 two-hook flounder rigs.

Although the Chestertown style is overwhelmingly accepted as the standard flounder hook, I find it bends too easily and has to be replaced too often. I prefer Eagle Claw's long-shanked Beak hook in sizes 6 or 8.

Hooks are snelled on 12 inch lengths of 20 pound test leader material, then tied in tandem. Proceeding one step further, I prepare an additional 12 inch length of leader material for each rig. To one end I tie in a barrel swivel; to the other end I form a sinker loop. Each two hook rig is then tied into the additional line at just above the loop. With this extra length of line—actually an extension of the main line—I save precious time at the fishing grounds normally used to rig up.

Midway into the flounder season, blackfish begin their spring migration from offshore wrecks and into local waters, occupying areas around bulkheads and piers and over rock piles and sunken vessels. To hook into blacks consistently, you must place your rig right on their doorstep, so to

Plan on going through plenty of rigs when blackfish are the target.

speak. And blackfish live and feed in a virtual junkyard of oceanic debris. Consequently, the blackfish anglers must be equipped with tackle rugged enough to contend with the tenacious blackfish and its rig-fouling environment, yet still be prepared to sacrifice a multitude of rigs.

Bearing this in mind, I tie up about 200 single hook blackfish rigs. Number six Virginia hooks are snelled on eight inch lengths of 40 pound test leader material and fashioned in the same manner as the flounder rigs.

Before the last of the flounder and blackfish return offshore for their summer layover, the vanguards of fluke have already begun their invasion upon the fishing grounds.

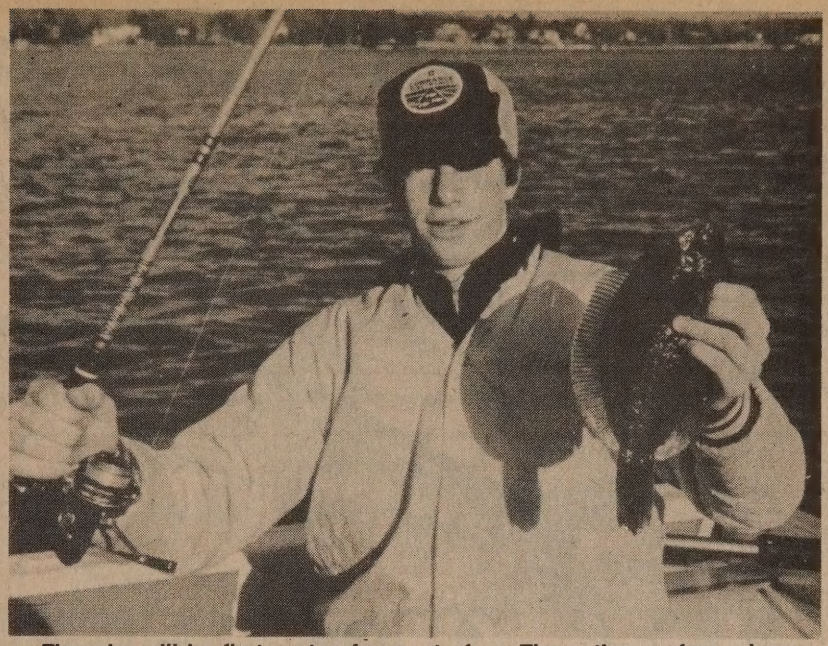
In preparation, I rig up about 100, 4/0 Sproat hooks on 30 pound test three foot leaders. Each rig is tied into an additional length of leader material, four feet long, an inch or so above a sinker loop. To the other end of this line I tie in a three-way swivel. Aside from providing an easy hook-up to the main line, the use of the swivel makes it possible to fish an additional hook when other species such as weakfish and blues suddenly infiltrate the fluke grounds.

At times, fluke are found foraging in the shallow waters close to shore. I seek out these shore-hugging fluke on relatively calm days using a light tackle live killy rig. I have found the thin-wired Aberdeen hook works best under such circumstances. Its lightweight construction permits the bait to swim about naturally and unrestricted and thus more attractive to hungry fluke. Unfortunately because of its delicate structure, the Aberdeen, much like the Chestertown used for flounder, will bend under the slightest stress and need frequent replacing. But unlike using the Chestertown, rigging the Aberdeen in this manner serves a definite purpose and is well worth the extra effort.

In rigging up, I snell about two dozen 2/0 Aberdeen hooks on three foot 20 pound test leaders. A small black barrel swivel is tied to the opposite end of each line. When fishing this rig, it is best to use an egg sinker, running the sinker up the fishing line before tying the line into the swivel. By doing so, you achieve a direct link between you and the fish. Any pick-up can be easily felt and you can drop back smoothly while maintaining a minimum of sinker resistance—an effect that often spooks wary fluke.

This particular method of fluke fishing requires a light touch and a loosely set drag. The fish must be allowed to take line copiously and at will, otherwise you can say goodbye to any bragging size catch for all you'll have for your efforts are straightened hooks.

As mentioned before, weakfish are often found amongst the summer flatfish. As fishing adjuncts to my fluke rigs, two dozen 3/0 Beak hooks snelled on 18 inch 30 pound test leaders are kept on hand. By slipping the extra hook onto the three-way swivel several feet off bottom, I can cash in on both actions at one time.



Flounder will be first on tap for most of us. The author prefers a long shanked beak hook for his two-hook rigs.

When fishing only for weaks, I generally use a weakfish worm rig. I tie two dozen 3/0 Beak hooks on three foot 30 pound test leaders. The leaders are secured to three-way swivels and the swivels are tied into additional lengths of leader material, four feet long. To the opposite ends of the additional lines, sinker loops are formed.

Many times weakfish prefer live fish baits such as bunker, snapper blues or butterfish. Weakfish live-lining rigs are easy to construct, therefore, I seldom prepare any prior to fishing. Instead, I keep an ample supply of 2/0 treble hooks in several large medicine bottles as part of my tackle box supplies and when the weaks begin feeding on baitfish, I rig up by tying a treble hook directly to my fishing line.

When bluefishing, I prepare only a minimum of rigs ahead as my gang of fishing buddies prefer trolling or jigging for blues. But just to play it safe, I keep about a dozen wire-leadered 6/0 Sproat hooks on hand just in case the trolling and jigging methods leave much to be desired and the blues suddenly exhibit a strong fondness for chunk baits.

When the cold weather rolls in, my fishing is limited to pursuits of whiting, ling and cod.

For whiting and ling, I prepare three dozen rigs similar to the "Christmas Tree" rigs used for mackerel. Using 30 pound test leader material, I begin by tying in a sinker loop. About an inch up the line, I form a dropper loop, about two inches long. Measuring 12 and 24 inches up the line, I form two additional dropper loops. Then measuring off another 12 inches, I cut the line and tie in a barrel swivel.

Strips of thin "teaser" tubing about half an inch longer than the loops are forced over the loops. The tubing is pulled back on each loop, allowing the loop end to be passed through the eye of a ring-eyed 4/0 O'Shaughnessy hook. The loop is then pulled over the hook's bend and drawn snug against the eye from behind. The tubing is straightened out, covering the loop and the shank of the hook.

Most ling will be taken on the bottom hook while whiting will respond to all three hooks. Although I would not purposely use such a rig for codfish, there have been rare occasions when small cod have been taken on the high hook.

For my less-than-frequent codfishing jaunts, I snell two dozen 5/0 Sproat hooks on three foot leaders using 40 pound test line. Each rig is tied into a three-way swivel and additional line is extended three feet from the swivel where a sinker loop is formed.

Throughout the year, there are times when peculiar circumstances demand the use of unusual riggings. It would be virtually impossible for me to be prepared in advance for every eventuality. My tackle box would have to be as big as a tool shed. But by stocking my tackle box with many different style hooks stored in small medicine bottles and several coils of leader material, I can create on the spot any number of out-of-the ordinary rigs to suit the situation at hand.

So when five foot snow drifts and frozen harbors impose an irritating interruption in your fishing activities, do as I do and take the time to examine your fishing needs for the coming year, then put the idle time to practical use.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) THESE FISH ARE CLOSELY RELATED. CAN YOU IDENTIFY WHICH IS A BONEFISH AND WHICH IS A LADYFISH ?

BONEFISH ☐
LADYFISH ☐

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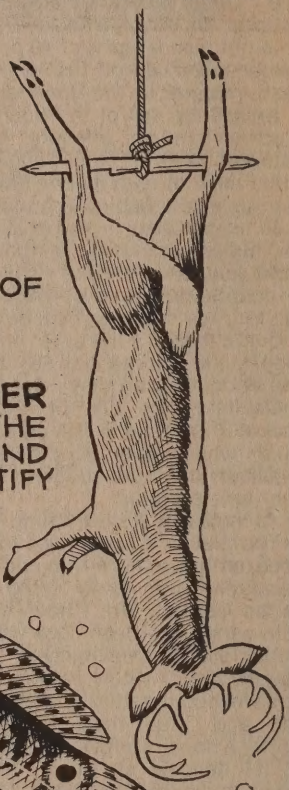
BY FRED GUARDINEER

(2) SHOULD YOU HANG A DEER BY THE HEAD OR BY THE HIND LEGS?



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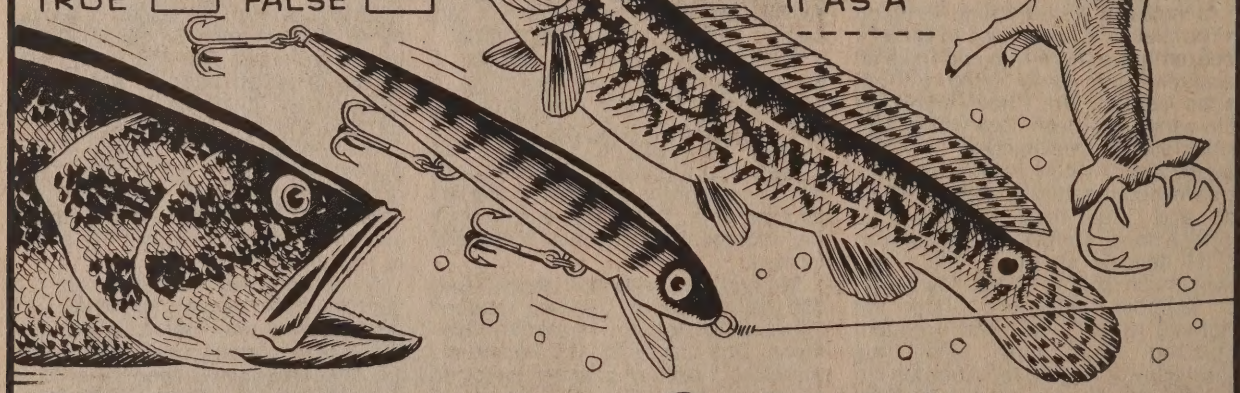
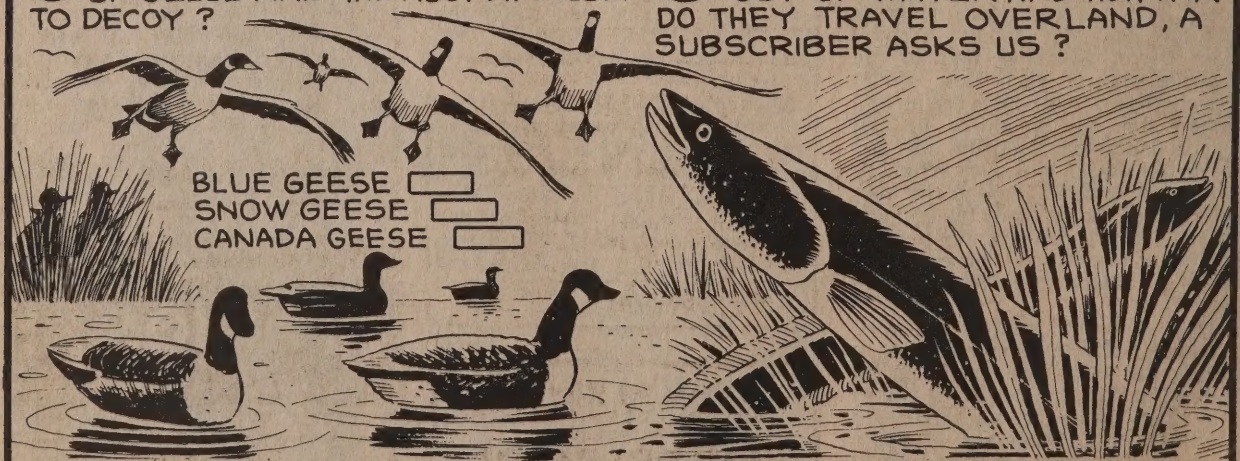


(5) WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIES OF GEESE ARE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO DECOY ?

BLUE GEESE ☐
SNOW GEESE ☐
CANADA GEESE ☐

(6) HOW LONG CAN EELS STAY OUT OF WATER AND HOW FAR DO THEY TRAVEL OVERLAND, A SUBSCRIBER ASKS US ?



1-(A) LADYFISH (B) BONEFISH. 2-IT'S DONE BOTH WAYS IN DEER CAMPS, BUT IN SLAUGHTER HOUSES ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS ARE HUNG HEAD DOWN. 3-OFTEN TRUE, BUT SMALLMOUTH BASS USUALLY PREFER SMALL OFFERINGS. 4-BOWFIN OR MUDFISH. 5-CANADA GEESE. 6-THE AMERICAN EEL HAS BEEN KNOWN TO TRAVEL 3 MILES OVERLAND ON DAMP NIGHTS. LIVES OUT OF WATER 4 TO 5 DAYS IF KEPT MOIST.

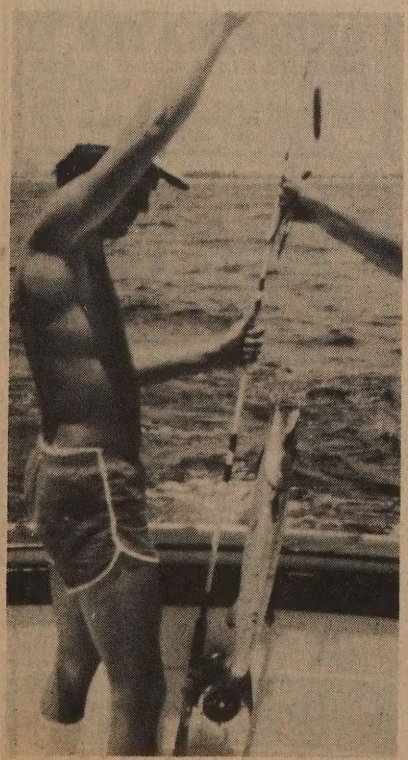
South Shore REPORT
with Fred Colofaro

MONTAUK POINT

While fishing reports remained scant this week, there was some encouragement in the first mention of flounder stirring in the Quogue Canal. That would put the flatties right on schedule for this East End spot, though the action doesn't generally become worthy of a boat trip for another week or two. Locally, look for some solid action with the biggest fish of the season to develop in early March. As is often the case, most anglers will miss this initial shot of bigger flatties by the time the first trip is under their belt.

Codfishing, which had moved into uncustomarily high gear for this late in the season, seems to have lost much of that steam. The action was only fair this week and slow in comparison to the prior week's activity.

The last noteworthy codfishing apparently occurred a week ago Sunday when Captain Speedy Hubert of the Captree open boat **Speedy VI** won a battle with ice floes and settled on a favorite wreck. While he did carry a boat load of fares, the day's



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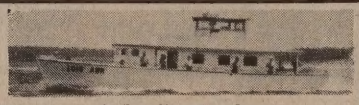

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Peter Scala stands alongside the 181 lb. mako he and friends Tom, Mike and Ray decked during a Montauk charter aboard the "Darius II." The foursome landed and released six blue sharks as well.

catch, which was in excess of 300 cod, was impressive nevertheless.

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty 3** managed near 100 cod for a boat load of fares on Monday. More recently, the skipper reported catches of a dozen fish on Friday, 40 on Saturday and 32 on Sunday. The special boat pool aboard the **Scotty 3** is hovering around 1,400 and is led by a 45 lb. cod.

Dave Canale, of **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale, who relayed word of a "few flatties" taken from the Quogue Canal on Saturday, had some trout news to pass along as well. It seems a number of anglers fishing the stream in Connetquot State Park have returned with tales of spotting a huge brown which may very well be in the vicinity of the 15 lb. mark. Keep in mind that the river has produced several huge browns in the 10 to 12 lb. range in recent years. Overall, the fly rod action in the park has been a pick with most of the trout falling into the 10 to 14 inch size bracket. Lots of sublegal trout clogging Bubbles Falls below the park and perch action was non-existent this week. Dave reminded that they have been renovating the shop, but much of the stock is now settled back in place with plenty of extra room for browsing. He added that their extensive selection of offshore lures is reduced 25 percent across the board.

Over at **Edelman's** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera told of putting 10 cod aboard his own "Cookie Monster" on Saturday. Fred Laager of the store checked in a 19" sea run brown for one customer on Friday. It was taken from the Nissequogue near Landing Road.

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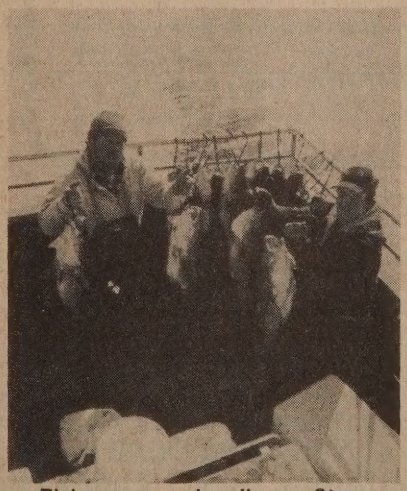

Fisherman subscribers Steve Kearney, Sr. and Jr., shown with 19 cod to 28 lbs. taken during a trip aboard the Freeport based open boat, "Capt. Al."

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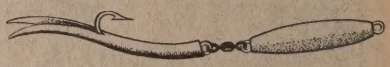

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with Stu Miller

With strong winds and torrential rains from the beginning through mid-week, only a few trips were sailed by the cod boats out of Freeport this past week. Though catches were down from what they were the week previous, decent numbers were still caught including a lunker on the **Starstream**.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

The word from Captain Richie Kessinger of the open boat **Starstream II** is that last Monday's fishing

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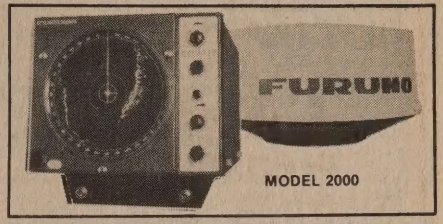

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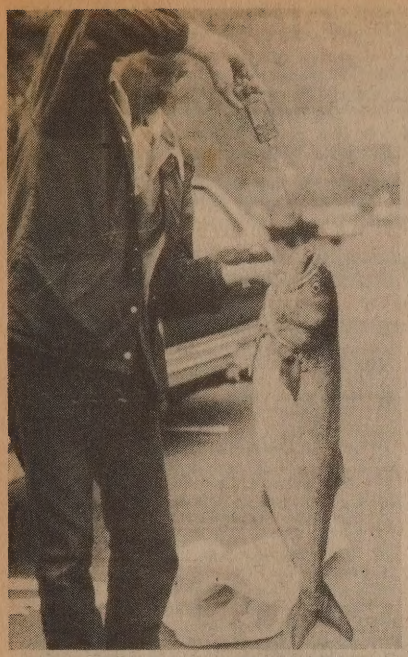

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was quite good, followed by the storms of Tuesday and Wednesday and the mighty downpour. Still wreck fishing, Friday's small group of anglers made 47 cod. Sixty cod were caught on Saturday's trip including a 54 pounder for Helmut Faengler, of Manhattan. Sunday's fares managed 15 cod. They were hamstrung by a strong ebb tide which was really ripping for the first half of the day along with strong southwest winds, all of which contributed to poor fishing conditions and some casualties from seasickness. Fish averaged 8 to 15 lbs.

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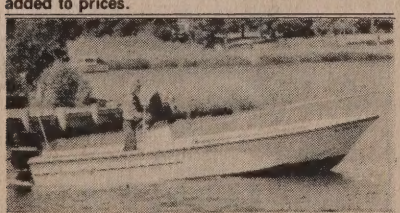

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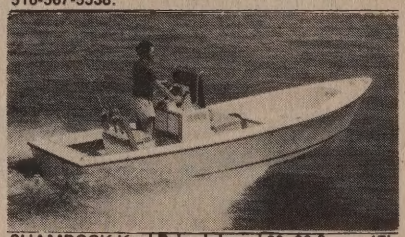

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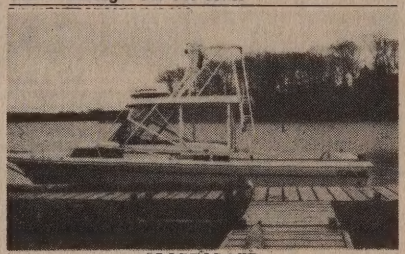

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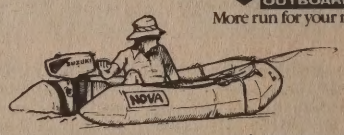

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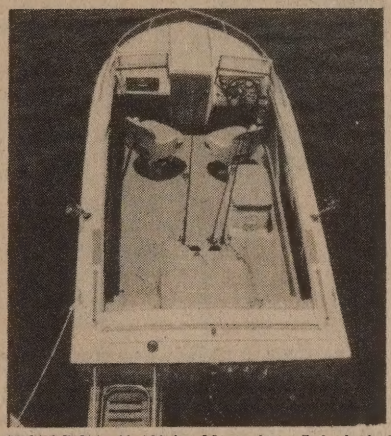

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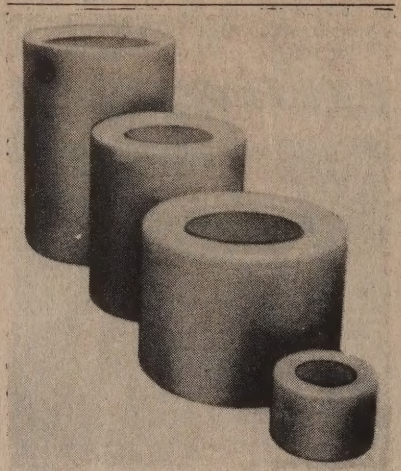

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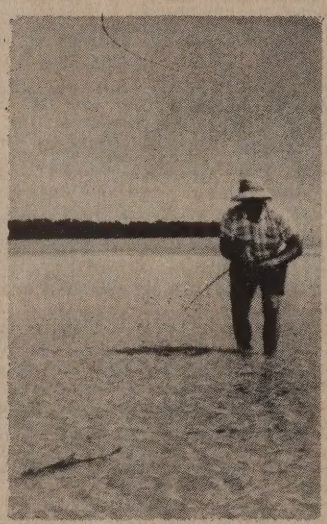

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:50	9:05	9:40	9:55	9:30	9:55	10:20	10:45	12:35	12:50	12:00	12:20	8:45	9:00	2/21
FRI.	9:25	9:45	10:15	10:30	10:10	10:30	11:00	11:20	1:00	1:10	12:35	12:55	9:20	9:40	2/22
SAT.	10:00	10:20	10:50	11:10	10:45	11:10	11:35	—	1:20	1:30	1:10	1:30	10:00	11:20	2/23
SUN.	10:35	10:55	11:25	11:45	11:20	11:45	12:05	12:20	1:45	2:00	1:50	2:10	10:40	11:00	2/24
MON.	11:15	11:35	—	12:05	11:50	—	12:45	1:00	2:15	2:40	2:30	2:50	11:20	11:45	2/25
TUES.	11:55	—	12:30	12:50	12:15	12:25	1:30	1:50	2:55	3:25	3:10	3:40	—	12:05	2/26
WED.	12:20	12:45	1:20	1:40	12:50	1:05	2:20	2:50	3:35	4:15	4:00	4:30	12:35	1:00	2/27
THURS.	1:10	1:40	2:15	2:40	1:40	2:00	3:10	3:55	4:30	5:15	4:50	5:30	1:35	2:05	2/28

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ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
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Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
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Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
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City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	2/21	6:47	5:40
FRI.	2/22	6:46	5:41
SAT.	2/23	6:45	5:42
SUN.	2/24	6:43	5:43
MON.	2/25	6:42	5:44
TUE.	2/26	6:41	5:46
WED.	2/27	6:40	5:47

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	2/21	7:54AM	7:33PM
FRI.	2/22	8:15AM	8:33PM
SAT.	2/23	8:35AM	9:32PM
SUN.	2/24	8:56AM	10:32PM
MON.	2/25	9:19AM	11:33PM
TUE.	2/26	9:45AM	—
WED.	2/27	10:15AM	12:36AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
2/19	2/27	3/7	3/13

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	6:05	—	6:30	12:15
Fri.	1:15	7:25	1:35	7:55
Sat.	2:10	8:50	2:30	8:45
Sun.	3:00	9:10	3:20	9:35
Mon.	3:50	9:55	4:05	10:20
Tues.	4:35	10:40	4:50	11:00
Wed.	5:15	11:25	5:35	11:50
Thurs.	6:05	—	6:30	12:15

DUPONT STREN

National Distance Casting Tournament

Regional Prizes

$500 - 1st Place
$350 - 2nd Place
$250 - 3rd Place

REGIONAL WINNERS GO TO ARIZONA FOR NATIONAL CASTOFF AND $1000. 1st PRIZE

Clubs:

FILL OUT FORM BELOW AND MAIL TO:
THE FISHERMAN
P.O. Box 1994, Bridge Street, Sag Harbor, N.Y. 11963
PRIOR TO MARCH 29, 1985

Non-Affiliated Individuals:

APRIL 13, 1985 at 10:00 A.M.
POLO FIELDS - BETHPAGE STATE PARK

Bring Your Tackle!

THE Fisherman

IS PROUD TO BE THE REGIONAL SPONSOR FOR THIS NATIONAL EVENT!

Club Registration

CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB CONTACT OFFICE: _____

PHONE: _____

Number of members interested in qualifying: ____